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BELGRADE BLAZES DEFIANCE OF THREAT

Dramatic Call
To Yugoslavia

TO BE READY

General Simoyitch, the Yugoslav Prime Minister, yesterday issued an Order of the Day which was broadcast to the nation.

The manifesto declared: "The interests of the country and the nation demand that the people shall guard their own houses and, if necessary, even defend them at the cost of their lives, for the sake of the Fatherland, the King and the nation."

"OUR ARMY, AIR FORCE AND NAVY ARE PREPARED TO DO THEIR DUTY."—REUTER.

Declines To Cower In Blackout

GERMANS FOUND ON ITALIAN SHIPS

Among the survivors from the Italian cruisers and destroyers sunk in the Mediterranean are 35 German officers, petty officers and gunners, according to an Athens telegram received in London yesterday, says Reuter.

THE LIGHTS OF BELGRADE STILL BLAZE DEFIANTLY AT NIGHT DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE CITY IS MERELY MINUTES FLIGHT FROM THE NEAREST GERMAN AIR BASE IN RUMANIA.

There has been no blackout in Belgrade since the crisis blew up while all the time Bucharest cowers under blackout conditions.

This is typical of the difference in outlook of the two cities.

The German exodus from Belgrade continues. The German Minister, von Heeren, himself saw off 1,100 German civilians as they left Belgrade by special Danube steamer on Sunday night.

Passengers included hundreds of the notorious "tourists." These left messages with their landlords saying, "We shall be back in a month."

Most of them left their furniture in Belgrade and are keeping on the tenancy of their Nazi-paid apartments.

British Women Leave

At the request of the British Minister, Sir Ronald Campbell, nearly all British women in Belgrade left on Sunday night for Istanbul.

A special train last night took the remaining Germans to Vienna. Italians already have disappeared.

German Troops

Precise reports in regard to German troops on the Yugoslav frontier are very difficult to confirm. (Continued on Page 16)

YUGOSLAVIAN DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY

The Yugoslav Minister in Berlin, M. Amtritch, has gone to Belgrade to inform his Government of the "effect which events in Yugoslavia have produced in Germany."

This was announced in a Bern despatch to the French news agency quoting the newspaper "Le Suisse."

The Yugoslav Minister in Moscow, M. Gavrilych, has gone to Ankara according to a Budapest despatch quoting the newspaper "Magyar Hirlap."

There is no doubt that personally informed views of the Kremlin and Ankara are being gathered. —REUTER.

AXIS SHIPS TO FIGHT BLOCKADE?

Rumours are strengthening in Rio de Janeiro that Axis ships are gathering in mid-ocean for convoy under the protection of German battle-cruisers.

These rumours coincide with the sailing of the Italian freighters Franco Martelli from Recife, Brazil, and the Edo from Fortaleza, Brazil, 24 hours after the departure of the German steamer Dresden from Santos.

The vessel in clearing at Brazilian ports on Sunday, gave Oslo as destination.

The Franco Martelli is a tanker recently released from embargo when Italian financiers at San Paulo forwarded funds to pay her debts.—REUTER.

S. AFRICANS OCCUPY DIREDAWA

The advance towards Asmara, in Eritrea, continues, stated an official communique issued in Cairo yesterday.

The occupation of Diredawa, in Abyssinia, was carried out by South African troops who are now advancing westwards.

The forward movement is developing in other sections.

The number of prisoners is steadily mounting while guns and war materials abandoned by

VENTURED TOO FAR

AN ENEMY FIGHTER WHICH VENTURED OVER THE CHANNEL YESTERDAY WAS DESTROYED BY R.A.F. FIGHTERS. IT WAS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED IN LONDON.

This is the only item of daylight activity by the enemy which the Air Ministry has to report.—REUTER.

the retreating enemy are being collected in large quantities.—REUTER.

BRITAIN'S ENORMOUS WAR EXPENDITURE

THE "ASTRONOMICAL" cost of the war to the British taxpayer is revealed in revenue returns issued last night showing Britain spent a record amount of £3,967,245,670 in the financial year which ended last night.

Total ordinary revenue from all sources was £1,408,867,097, leaving a deficit of £2,458,378,573.

Problem for the Chancellor of the Exchequer in his forthcoming Budget will be whether he will try, by imposing new taxation, to narrow the enormous gap between expenditure and revenue which otherwise had to be bridged by borrowing.

The supply services, including the fighting forces, accounted for £3,637,113,000 of the expenditure as against £1,078,247,000 last year.

Cheering feat: returns show a net increase of £359,678,400 in total ordinary revenue over last year's yield.

Revenue Return

Revenue exceeded the Chancellor's estimate by over £48,000,000, largely owing to the success of new taxes, including the Purchase Tax, which he introduced in his July Budget.

Most Revenue items show substantial increases, including duties and excise (presumably

including the Purchase Tax), which together are over £129,000,000 above last year's figures.

Ten Millions A Day

Total expenditure in the year, it may be noted, averaged £10,500,000 a day but expenditure in the past three months averaged nearly £13,000,000 a day.

Excess of expenditure over revenue is covered by borrowing.

The Floating Debt increased by £1,324,000,000 during the year and now amounts to £22,813,410,000, compared with £1,489,200,000 a year ago.—REUTER.

VITTORIO VENETO IDENTIFIED

THE ENEMY BATTLESHIP DAMAGED IN THE MEDITERRANEAN BATTLE WAS THE 35,000-TON VITTORIO VENETO, OF THE LITTORIO CLASS. CAPTAIN OF THE SUNK ITALIAN CRUISER TOLA IN ALEXANDRIA YESTERDAY.—REUTER.

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ITALIAN FLEET LURED TO DESTRUCTION BY A CRUISER

GREEKS BREAK THE LULL

The lull on the Albanian front which followed the Italian disastrous offensive attempt has been broken by the Greeks again taking the initiative.

On Sunday several small storm detachments entered the Italian lines at various points, stated Athens radio, inflicting losses, taking prisoners and seizing many machine-guns.

Greek artillery was also active against moving columns but Italian artillery response was weak.

Greek aircraft cooperated, the announcer added, by inflicting severe losses while attacking important targets without, however, any loss to themselves.—Reuter.

GRAND SHOW BY INDIANS

"Our boys were marvelous at Keren, where they eclipsed their own deeds at Sidi Barrani.

"India has every reason to be proud of them," declared the Nawab of Bhopal, to Reuter, on arrival by air in Karachi from a tour of the Middle East, where he visited the Indian troops, including his own State forces.

He added: "I was very fortunate to be at Keren when our troops stormed the town and that was my happiest day. Our boys at the front have been simply magnificent. They fought like giants—God bless them and preserve them.

"They are in the highest spirits, are very fit and being well looked after.

"I felt so proud of the Indian troops, so was the General Officer Commanding, General Platt." — Reuter.

Full Story Of Shattering Defeat: Barham's Battery

FULLER DETAILS OF THE CRUSHING DEFEAT OF THE ITALIAN FLEET IN THE MEDITERRANEAN, WHICH CROWNED THE GREATEST WEEK OF THE WAR, SHOW THE ENEMY SUFFERED ALMOST CERTAIN LOSSES OF SEVEN WARSHIPS — FOUR CRUISERS AND THREE DESTROYERS — WHILE A BATTLESHIP OF THE LITTORIO CLASS WAS SERIOUSLY DAMAGED BY THE REPEATED POUNDING OF FLEET AIR ARM TORPEDOES.

With the return of the British Fleet to Alexandria, without a man hurt or a ship scratched, the full story is revealed how the enemy forces were lured to destruction by a British cruiser.

The Italians were taken completely by surprise when the 30,000-ton Warspite, leading the British Fleet and followed by the battleships Barham and Valiant, began a chase lasting 12 hours and demolished an enemy cruiser already hit by aerial torpedoes by salvos of broadsides, leaving our destroyers to race in to finish the job.

Back in port, Admiral Cunningham paid a great tribute to the personnel of his fleet for skilful manoeuvring and to the Air Arm for the untiring efforts which, between them, contributed to the greatest naval victory of the war.

First news of the Italian fleet's activity was an air reconnaissance report sent in on Thursday. It stated an enemy force was steaming eastward near Cape Passaro, southernmost tip of Sicily.

With dramatic suddenness, the British Fleet immediately sailed to contact the enemy.

Near Crete

On Friday morning, one battleship of the Littorio class and a force of enemy cruisers were contacted by our light forces southward of the western end of Crete, while further air reconnaissance reported a second force, comprising two battleships, cruisers and destroyers, further to the north.

The Fleet Air Arm and the R.A.F. immediately attacked the former, seriously damaging the

Littorio battleship, reducing her speed considerably, while several hits were also registered on cruisers and destroyers.

Attempt To Scatter

While aircraft and light forces thus maintained contact with the enemy, who endeavoured to scatter and return to his base, the battleships followed up.

They were able to make contact only as darkness fell, the chase towards the Italian shores having lasted about 12 hours and covered some 200 miles.

The leading ship of the British Battle Fleet, Warspite which opened fire with her 15-inch guns from a distance of just under two miles.

EFFECT OF WARSPITE'S FIRE WAS DEVASTATING. THE ENEMY CRUISER FIUME LIT UP THE SURROUNDING SEA BY A VIOLENT BURST OF RED FLAME EXTENDING FROM THE FOREMOST FUNNEL TO THE AFTER GUN TURRET.

One observer said the after turret itself was blown clean over the side.

While the ship was thus blazing, Warspite poured in a further broadside, causing a fresh outburst of flame.

By now the entire Battle Fleet was in action, the whole scene being lit up by gunfire, blazing ships and searchlights.

Before the enemy had any chance to reply a second cruiser, the Zara, was burning fiercely, when she received a broadside from Warspite.

A third cruiser, the Pola, was likewise dealt with by the other British battleships, the whole action taking a matter of seconds.

Besides Warspite the battleships Barham and Valiant and the destroyers Havock and Greyhound participated in the action.

Notable Success

In his "well done" signal to the warships on their return to port, Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham said: "I am most grateful to all in the Fleet for their support on this, as on all other occasions.

"The operations just concluded have given us a notable success and supremacy.

"The skilful handling of our cruisers and the untiring efforts of our Fleet Air Arm kept me well informed of enemy movements, and the well-planned home attacks of torpedo-bomber aircraft on the Littorio so reduced the speed of the enemy fleet that we were able to gain contact during the night and inflict heavy damage.

"The devastating effect of the battleships' gunfire are ample reward for months of patient training. This work was completed by the destroyers in the admirable way we have come to expect of them."

Cruiser Surrendered

The Italian cruiser Pola surrendered to the destroyer Jervis after she had been disabled by a torpedo bomber which scored a direct hit in the engine room.

THE CAPTAIN, 21 OFFICERS AND 236 RATINGS WERE TAKEN ON BOARD JERVIS, WHICH THEN SANK THE POLA WITH A TORPEDO.

Led Into Trap

How the Italian warships were led into a trap is now revealed.

The cruiser Orion (sister-ship of Achilles and Ajax of Graf Spee fame) contacted the enemy ships and lured them towards the British Battle Fleet for about four hours until the enemy battleship, stated to be the 35,000-ton Vittorio Veneto, was damaged by the Fleet Air Arm.

After this, the Italians, possibly scenting a trap in Orion's tactics, turned about. When the enemy retired, the objective of the British light forces was to try to cut off the damaged enemy battleship, which was then reported 30 miles distant, heading for Italy and badly down by the stern.

Stricken Pola

British light forces carried out a circling movement at full speed in order to place themselves ahead of the enemy despite the fact that the latter was much heavier and superior in force, but no contact

MATSUOKA MEETING IL DUCE

Mr. Matsuoka will meet Mussolini to-day, and will lunch with King Victor.

His audience with the Pope will take place on Wednesday, according to a Rome despatch to Vichy.

The German radio states Mr. Matsuoka has sent a telegram to Ribbentrop saying "I am sure the conversations which I had in such a friendly atmosphere in Germany will lead to a further strengthening of the bonds between the two countries and the creation of a new order in Europe and East Asia." — Reuter.

Mr. Matsuoka, who arrived in Rome yesterday by special train, was met at the station by Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister, other members of the Italian Government, the Secretary of the Fascist Party and the German Ambassador. — Reuter.

was made and it was found that the cruisers Fiume and Zara, which previously had been accompanying the Vittorio Veneto, had returned to help the stricken cruiser Pola.

This move either indicated they did not realise the full strength of the distant British Battle Fleet or was designed to create a diversion to enable the Italian battleship to escape.

Sea Of Men

It was while the British light forces were searching for the enemy battleship that the British Battle Fleet blasted the Fiume and Zara.

As the destroyer flotilla led by Jervis approached the scene of the blazing Italian cruisers, the sea was filled with 700 or 800 men, some of whom were picked up, but the British ships were unable to wait as other Italian ships were menacing and the cruiser Pola, though motionless, was still unaccounted for.

As Jervis approached, Pola flung out a large white sheet, her crew were drawn up on the quarterdeck, apparently ready to surrender, and the Pola's private papers and ship's books were burning beneath the after gun turret.

Gangplank Rescue

A gangplank was thrown across between the quarterdecks of the Pola and Jervis, and the surrendering Italians clambered on board.

While the Pola was surrendering the remaining British destroyers were circling round picking up survivors.

The prisoners included a naval war correspondent who was also an artist. He said he had already prepared a picture of British ships sinking but tore it up when he found it was the Italians and not the British who were being sunk.

An interesting point in regard to this action is that the British were able to pick out the Italians in the darkness before they themselves were seen.

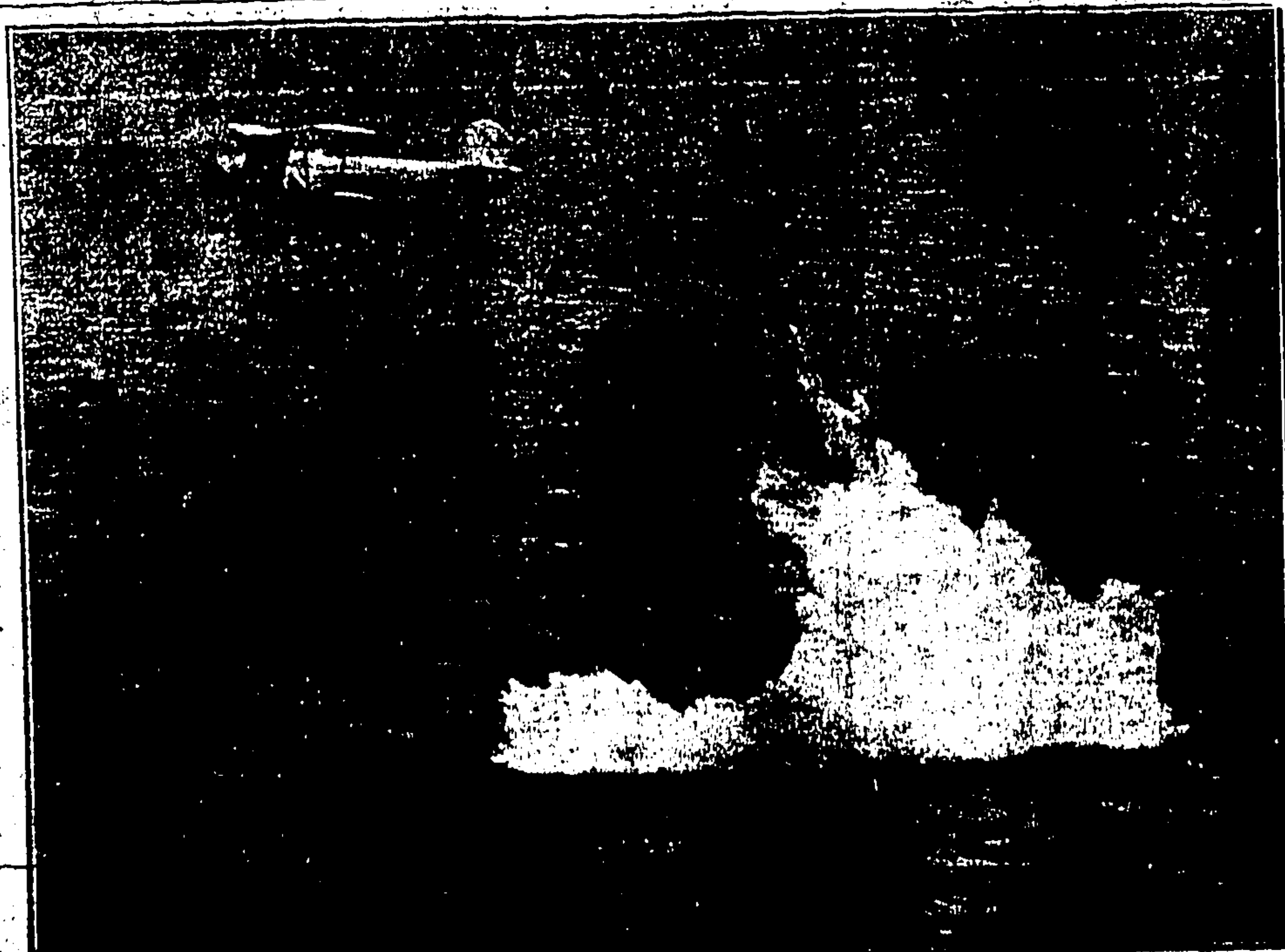
Signal Victory

A large measure of the success must be credited to the superiority of the British optical instruments to the German instruments used by the Italians.

The ceaseless practice of the British Fleet in night fighting also undoubtedly contributed to the signal victory.

It seems probable the Italians put to sea in an attempt to intercept British convoys.

Asked whether he thought the Italians put to sea under German control, Sir Andrew Cunningham expressed the opinion that they probably did so "under German instigation." — Reuter.



Italian battleship entering the water after being launched by a Fleet Air Arm. (Copyright, Charles Brown.)



Asbestos gloves, apron and helmet, complete with an asbestos snuffer are being supplied in Britain as equipment for the fire-bomb fighter and spotter. With this outfit one can deal with an incendiary bomb without any fear of its flames. (Copyright, Fox).

OI-BOYS GO ALL ETONIAN

(By A Special Correspondent)

THE OLD SCHOOL TIE is being flaunted in Lambeth-walk. A few days ago Mr. Edwin Day, Lambeth councillor and a member of the board of the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, remembered 1,200 schoolboy suits that were used in the M.-G.-M. film "Good-bye, Mr. Chips."

"The very thing for the boys of Lambeth who have lost their clothes in bombed homes," he said.

SOLDIERS TO GROW FOOD NOW

Soldiers in requisitioned properties are to cultivate the gardens where the owners cannot do so themselves.

No War Department land is to be left uncultivated if it can be used for the production of food.

A War Office committee has been formed, states the Ministry of Information, and steps are to be taken so that all suitable land shall be cultivated and new vegetable gardens started.

Where cultivation of suitable requisitioned land can best be achieved by letting land to local farmers, it will be let.

The proposal is that the cultivation of land in the occupation of troops shall be compulsory.

Tools, seeds and manure will be provided from Treasury advances, which will be repayable.

As a general rule, the produce will be sold to N.A.A.F.I. at wholesale prices, and after the advances have been repaid, the balance of the net profits will be divided between the Treasury and the units concerned.

It is expected that 20,000 acres of such land can be cultivated in the whole country.

HIGH HOPE IN ERITREA

THE MILITARY CORRESPONDENT OF THE STOCKHOLM "TIDNINGEN" POINTED OUT YESTERDAY THAT TWO CAPTAINS — ASMARA AND ADDIS ABABA — ARE NOW THREATENED BY THE BRITISH IN AFRICA AND THAT ITALIAN RESOURCES IN ABYSSINIA ARE NOW BEING EXHAUSTED.

The British can now entertain high hopes of completing the East African campaign before the rains. They can then release forces for important operations in Libya and the Balkans. — Reuter.

He put the idea up to Lambeth Council and to the film people. A cable was sent to the managing director of the film company in America. His reply was an enthusiastic "Yes."

As a result, 400 schoolboys in Lambeth are going to school in clothes of public school cut. Suits, shirts, overcoats, blazers, braces, caps and other items were handed out to the lucky boys by the Mayor and Mayoress of Lambeth.

The boys looked so much like the "sons of gentlemen" that their mothers were awestruck and the cheeky kids of their home streets called them the "Toffs of Lambeth."

Their schoolmasters feel almost obliged to call out "Gentlemen" instead of "Boys" when there's a noise in the classroom.

Black Eyes

"It's smashing," said young Bert Vincent, one of the Lambeth "Toffs," when he was asked what he thought of his new rig-out.

"Course, some of the other chaps jeered when they saw us. But they don't do it now. We won a black eye or two showing we were still Lambeth boys in spite of the duds."

"Now the rest are envious." One lucky lad is wearing the suit in which Terry Kilburn, the young film star, played the part of a schoolboy in the film.

He doesn't know it, because it was thought unfair to give one boy such a superiority over the rest.

The old stagers of Lambeth Walk find it a bit hard to say "Oi!" with such gentlemanly lads about. They are practising "I say" over their pints of bitter.

CHEERFUL TENDENCY ON STOCK MARKET

There was a cheerful tendency on the London Stock Exchange yesterday on the naval success in the Mediterranean but price movements were small though the markets generally were firm.

Germans Playing Up Incident Off Algeria

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

THE GERMANS ARE PLAYING UP THE INCIDENT OFF THE ALGERIAN COAST WHEN FOUR FRENCH MERCHANTMEN FORCED THE BRITISH CONTRABAND CONTROL.

The British have excellent reasons for believing the ships were laden with contraband, chiefly a big consignment of rubber.

The incident is unfortunate, as the Vichy Government are acting under the inspiration, if not pressure, of the Germans.

The rights of the British to enforce the blockade are indisputable in international law, and it was only by the exercise of great self-restraint that the British did not employ the power which was in their hands of using coercion against the blockade runners, but higher considerations of humanity prevailed despite the added provocation of shell fire from shore batteries and attacks from the air.

Britain has obviously no wish to quarrel with Vichy or interfere with legitimate traffic between non-occupied France and her colonies, but it is clear that Germany cannot be allowed to take advantage of British generosity and forbearance.

Clear Language

It is therefore to be expected that Britain's attitude in this and cognate questions will be repeated to Vichy in unmistakable language to remove the chances of repetition of such incidents.

The British Government has known for some time that French vessels have been carrying goods destined for Germany.

Most revealing was the programme for French railway transport drawn up by the Germans recently, covering January 15 to March 1, which fell into British hands.

According to this programme some 30,000 tons of bauxite, 10,000 tons of aluminium and thousands of tons of rubber were to be transferred from unoccupied France to Germany.

Nitrates For Huns

Absolute priority over other shipments was provided in the programme for some 200,000 tons of nitrate which had arrived in unoccupied France from Chile.

The Free French newspaper published in London writes: "Frenchmen will realise, despite the efforts of the Vichy radio, that Admiral Darlan is playing the Germans' game. He is pushing collaboration with the Reich to as extreme limits as Laval would have done."

If Darlan is tied to Berlin, the French nation repudiates this outrageous attitude and remains faithful to the alliance with Britain, who is fighting for victory over the common enemy." — Reuter.

Vichy Denial

A communique denying that any materials other than foodstuffs were on board the convoy off Algiers, says the cargoes consisted of 15,000 tons of rice and sugar, being sent from Madagascar and Indo-China for Algeria and Marseilles for next month's rations, 1,500 tons of vegetables and seeds from Morocco for the non-occupied zone, and 7,000 tons of barley from Morocco intended for the native population of Algeria. — Reuter.

There was fair support of gilt-edged which closed slightly higher though a trifle below the best on profit-taking. Demand for industrials broadened while home rails and Kaffirs met with some demand. Greek and Japanese bonds were higher among foreign issues. Wall Street was quietly firm. — Reuter.

PLEASED IF WIFE RE-WEDS

The hope that his wife would re-marry that if she did, he would regard it as a compliment to himself—was expressed in the will of Mr. Eustace Sharpley Meddings, of Kent Road, Harrogate.

Mr. Meddings expressed his gratitude to his wife "who has always been the source of my greatest happiness."

"It is my earnest wish," Mr. Meddings said, "that she should continue to exhibit the same wisdom and business ability that she has always displayed in my lifetime, and retain her capital in her own hands, but to take the advice of a reliable stockbroker with regard to making, retaining or selling investments."

Mr. Meddings, whose estate was valued at £19,030, left all his property to his wife.

ANOTHER SHARP RAID ON TRIPOLI

Another heavy raid on Tripoli was made on Sunday, in continuance of the R.A.F. support of the army operations in Abyssinia and elsewhere. R.A.F. bombers on Sunday bombed and machine-gunned enemy positions. All our aircraft returned safely from these operations. — Reuter.

SACKED RECTOR MAY HELP WAR

The Rev. William Henry Hopkins, fifty-seven-year-old rector of Blunham, Beds, glanced sadly round his room at the rectory.

"I suppose I shall have to leave Blunham then," he said. "It will hurt—but I shall try to make up for all I have lost by doing good in other ways."

The rector had just heard the decision of the Bishop of St. Albans to deprive him of his living.

He told a reporter that if there were no hope of an appeal, he would do some kind of war work.

A Bedford Consistory Court last year found the rector guilty of twenty-six charges—eleven of drinking, nine of resorting to taverns and alehouses, and six of accosting women. The rector denied all the allegations.

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AFRICA ANSWERS THE CALL

Great enthusiasm has been aroused among Africans in the all-British West African colonies, says Reuter's special correspondent, by the successes in Abyssinia and Eritrea.

Italy's original conquest of Abyssinia was greatly taken to heart by the peoples of West Africa, but the prospect of the restoration of Haile Selassie is now seen as convincing evidence of British sincerity in aiding the cause of freedom of the African peoples.

Indeed, a flight which I have just completed across Africa from Khartoum has been an eye-opener as to the vigour with which both white and coloured populations are joining in the war effort.

French Collaboration

Three and a quarter million French citizens of French Equatorial Africa are cooperating most loyally with their energetic Governor-General, Eboue, who is of pure African descent, and who recently issued a plan of drastic reform of colonial administration in his territory, adding the assurance that "England, Belgium and their Empires will find in this undaunted portion of the French Empire the same determination as their own to destroy the enemy."

Close liaison with French Africa is being maintained by Sir Bernard Bourdillon, the Governor-General of Nigeria, who recently visited General de Laminat at Brazzaville and who also entertained General de Gaulle and other prominent Free French leaders at Lagos.

Nigeria's Effort

Nigeria's own war effort is considerable, her citizens having contributed over £100,000 voluntarily as donations to war funds, while 418 Europeans and 16,000 Africans have joined the Nigerian forces, many members of which are at present serving in the East African campaign.

The Gold Coast similarly is doing its utmost and the capital, Accra, recently had its own "leaflet raid" when pamphlets fluttered down into the town inviting recruits to join the Gold Coast Regiment. The response was good.

Finally, the great harbour of Freetown is naturally playing a most important role in present circumstances.

Sierre Leone

The defences of Sierre Leone have already been overhauled completely under the inspiration of the young and vigorous Major-General Woolner, and men of a famous English county regiment are now comfortably housed in barracks where before stood only tropical vegetation.

Despite the reputation of West Africa being "the white man's grave" the British troops have, on the whole, been very fit, thanks largely to a ruthless drive made by Army experts against mosquitoes.

All three West African colonies now have energetic officers forwarding information regarding the British cause among the Africans.

Lagos broadcasts now include news bulletins in "simple English" as spoken by the local inhabitants, and despite their lack of orthodoxy they have proved exceedingly popular and effective. — Reuter.

SPEEDBOATS FOR AIRMEN

The British-American Ambulance Corps has asked 750 American yacht clubs to buy fast motorboats to rescue British airmen shot down over the English Channel.

Boats costing between £2,500 and £3,750 will be converted into hospital crafters capable of carrying six or eight stretchers and accommodating, in an emergency, between thirty and forty people. Such boats could also be used to rescue survivors of torpedoed ships. — Reuter.

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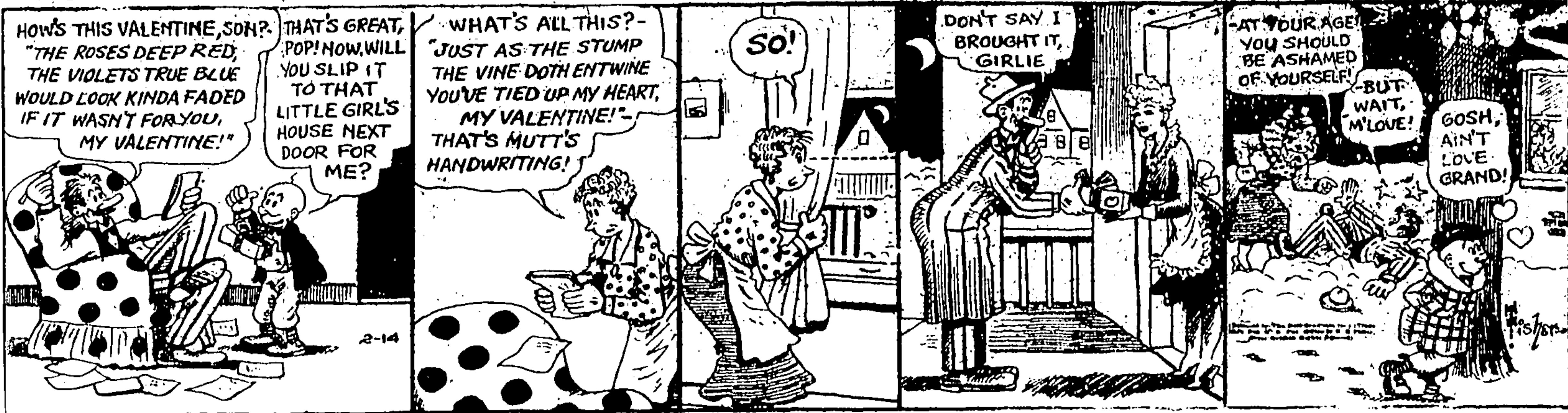
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MUTT AND JEFF

By BUD FISHER



HUBBY MUST BE SECOND

Husbands must take a back seat if we are to get on with the war effort, thinks a woman M.P.

"It is not a question of telling the women it is their duty to come out to the factory," Dr. Edith Summerskill, Labour M.P. for Fulham, W., told the House of Commons.

"You have also to tell the husband that the first loyalty of his wife in the near future is to the State, and secondly to himself."

Dr. Summerskill was speaking in the debate on Manpower and Production, and she uttered a warning to Mr. Ernest Bevin, Minister of Labour. She said:

"Unless he tells the women of the country — among them women who had never been in a factory or workshop before — what their wages and conditions of labour are to be, Mr. Bevin will be very seriously disappointed by the lack of response to his appeal to them to play their part in the war effort."

Equal Pay

She hoped that Mr. Bevin supported the principle of "equal pay for equal work."

"The Minister is going to introduce a measure which will cause as much social upheaval as evacuation," continued Dr. Summerskill.

"Women who had thought simply in terms of cooking, cleaning and looking after the house cannot be turned almost overnight into first-class industrial workers."

"I suggest that the Minister must take one step immediately, and that is to make the women of the country war-minded and the husbands of the country war-minded, and to make them realise the war will entail great sacrifices."

The question of compensation of women war workers should be considered and made clear by the Government.

The T.U.C. General Council considered Mr. Bevin's plans.

WINS "GEMS IN GRATE" CLAIM

An agreed sum of £480 and costs was awarded in the King's Bench Division under the insurance policy of a widow who forgot she had hidden her jewellery in the grate and lit the fire.

Mrs. Flora Harris, of Chartfield Avenue, Putney, sued Mr. Kenneth Gordon Polanda, Lloyd's underwriter, under a household comprehensive insurance policy.

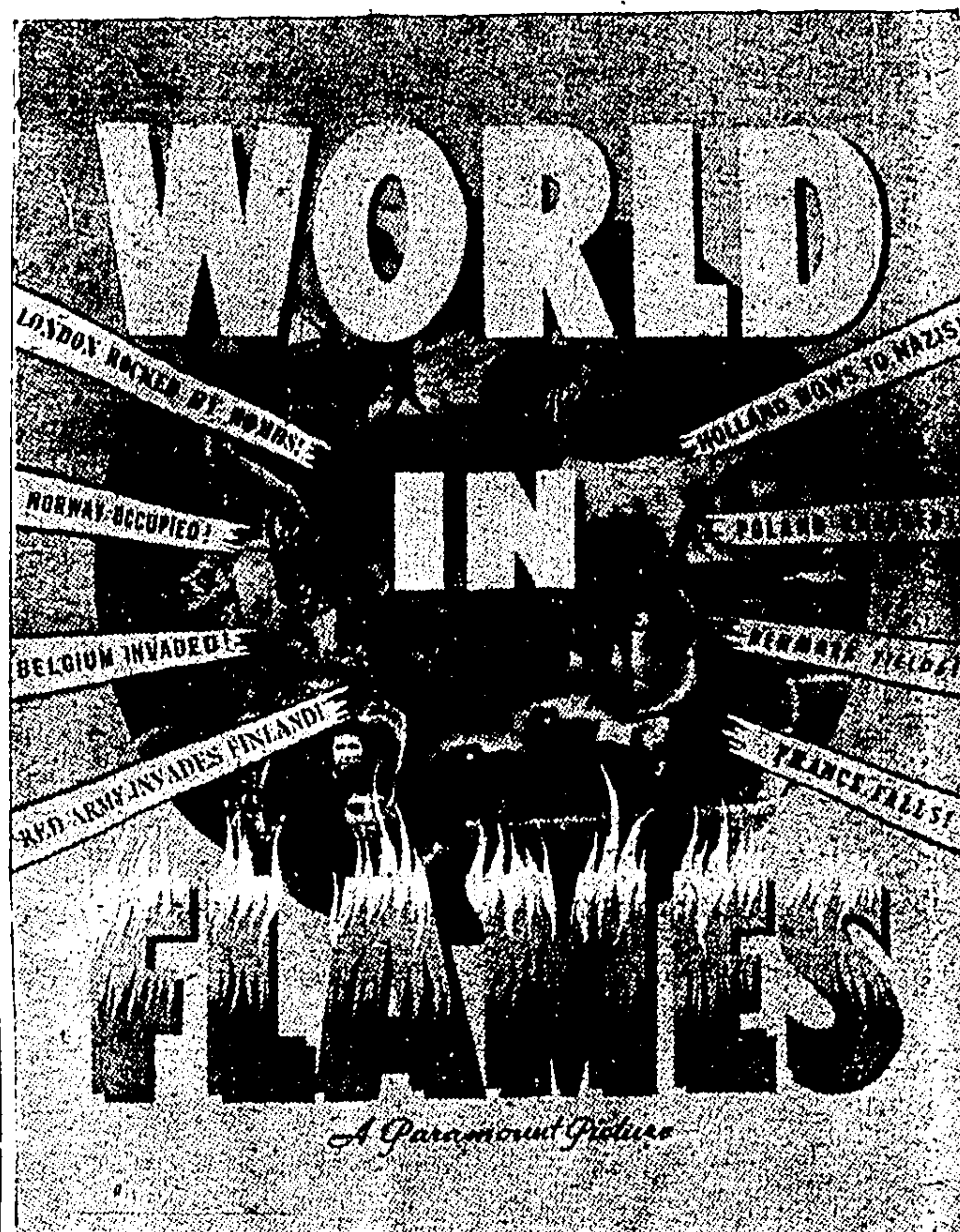
Giving judgment, Mr. Justice Atkinson said Mrs. Harris hid her jewels, worth £500, and more than £100 in notes, in the least likely place a burglar would suspect, because she had had an attempted burglary.

In his judgment, the risks against which Mrs. Harris insured included the risk of her property coming unintentionally in contact with fire, and it mattered not whether that fire came to the property or the property came to the fire.

Stay of execution was granted pending a possible appeal.

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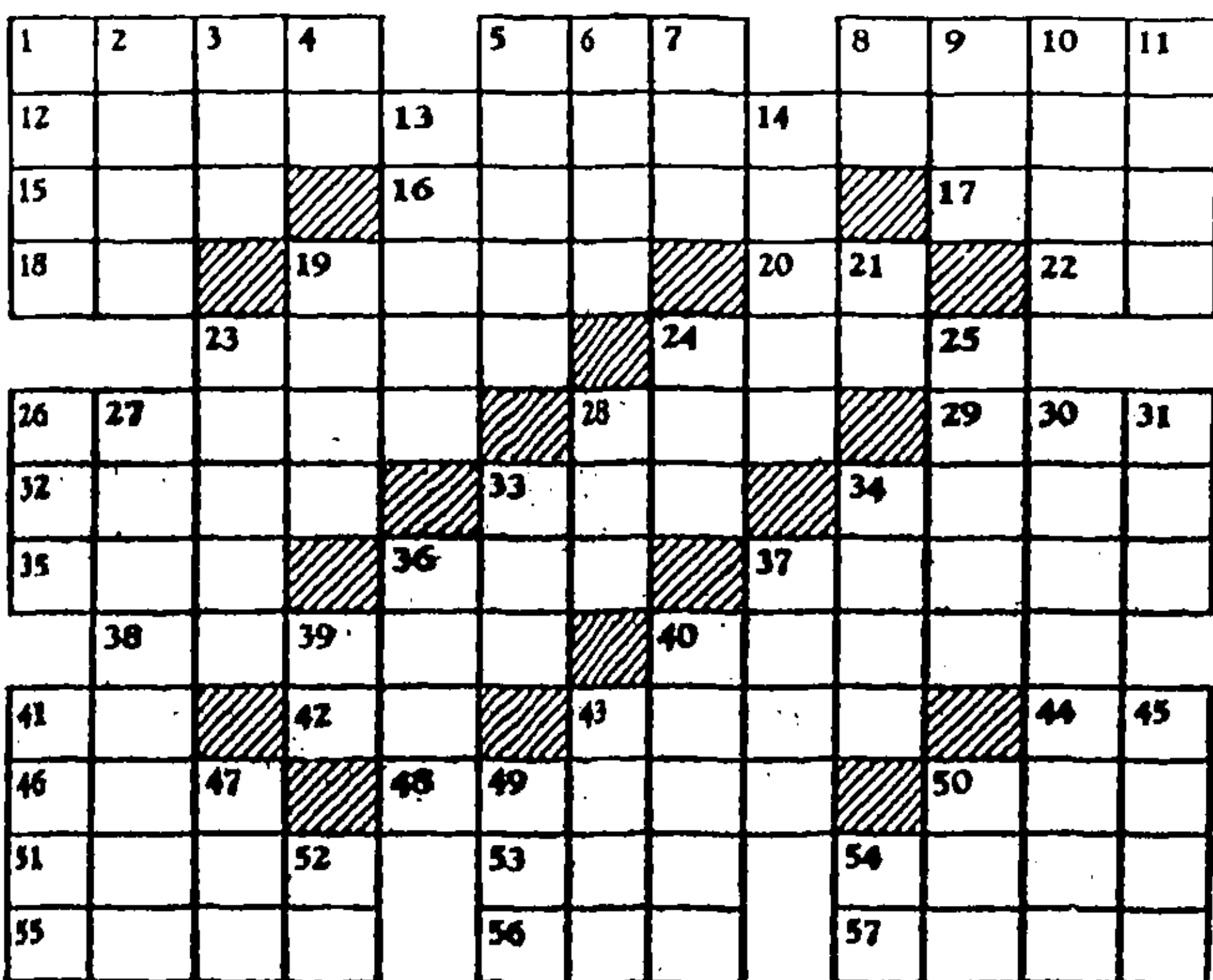
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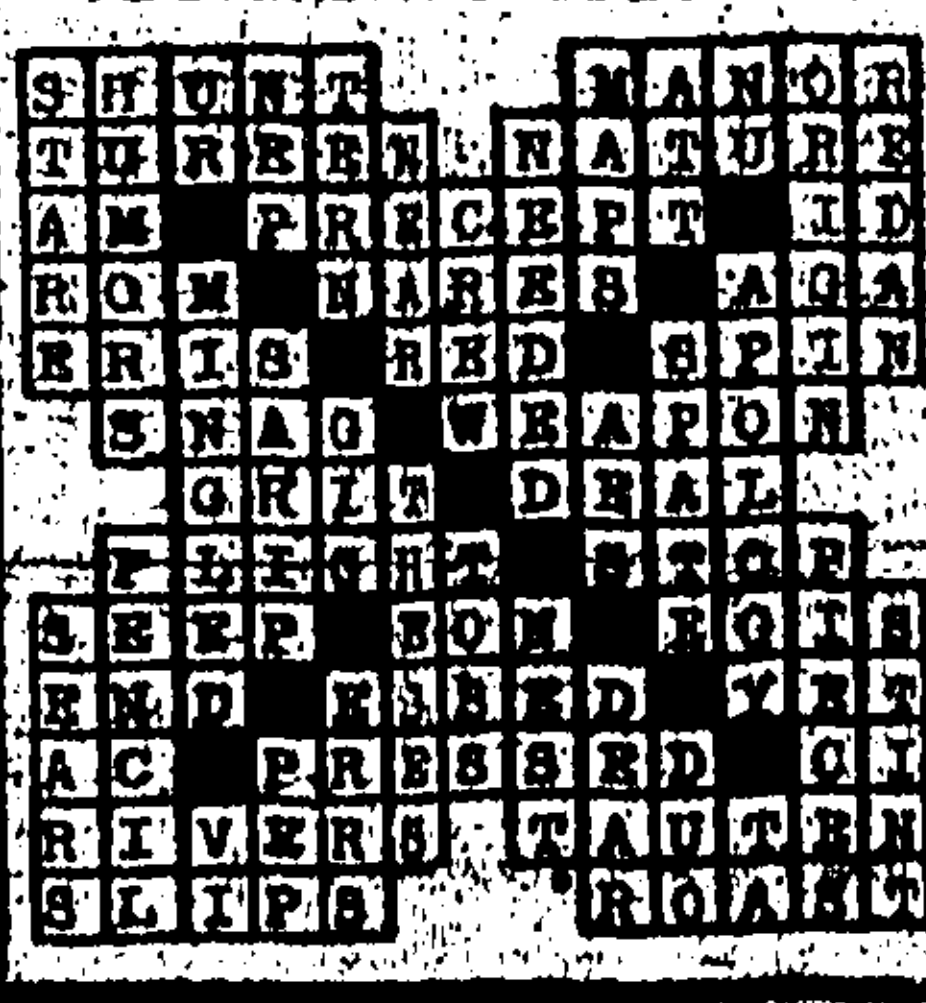
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- 18 To act
- 19 Dye plant
- 20 Thus
- 22 Note of scale
- 23 Epic poem
- 24 Serf
- 26 To accumulate
- 28 Turn right
- 29 Rodent
- 33 Fit of anger
- 34 The sun
- 35 Garment
- 36 First woman
- 38 To strike
- 39 Beverage made from apples
- 40 Mistake
- 41 To hide
- 42 Land measure
- 43 Exists
- 44 Withered
- 46 Concerning
- 48 Falsehood
- 49 To omit

VERTICAL

- 1 Among
- 2 Chief protagonist of a play
- 3 Greek letter
- 4 Colloquial: mother
- 5 Bulgarian ruler
- 6 Aloud
- 7 Likely
- 8 Behold!
- 9 Ember
- 10 Medieval stringed instrument
- 11 On the ocean
- 13 King of Crete
- 14 Former European republic
- 18 Part of a church
- 21 Preposition
- 23 Anxious
- 24 Elongated fish
- 25 To eat away
- 26 Part of "to be"
- 27 Unbranded calf
- 28 Obtained
- 30 Wandering
- 31 Music: three
- 32 Title of respect
- 34 To split
- 36 Flexible tube
- 37 Centre
- 39 Japanese measure
- 40 Tree of the pine family
- 41 Cry of regret
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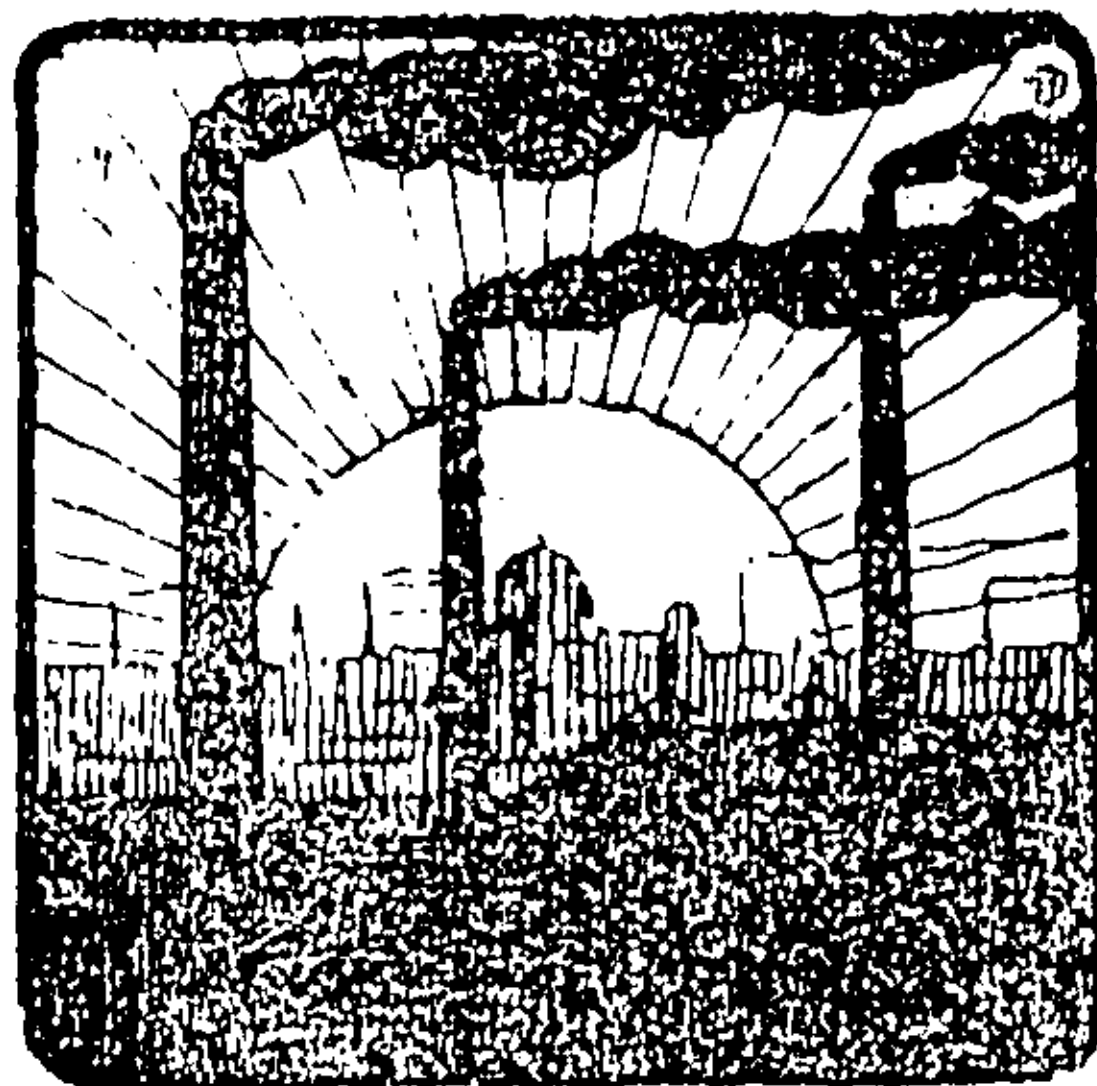
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BECAME NATIVE TO ARRANGE A REBELLION

(By A Special Correspondent)

FOR FOUR YEARS "Lawrence of Abyssinia," the mysterious new force behind the Ethiopian revolt against the Italians, has lived the life of a tribesman, eating raw meat and joining in their folk-songs round the camp fire.

Who is he? What is he like, this man who has risen on the war horizon like a brilliant comet? If anybody knows, he is not prepared to tell.

It can be said, however, that "Lawrence of Abyssinia" is not a mere adventurer.

He had been training himself for this role for the last five years.

He was the first man to greet the Emperor when he came to Addis Ababa.

He declared his intention to the Emperor and readily agreed to be captured into the mysteries of the Abyssinian language.

He is the only white man who can read, write and speak this ancient language like the natives of Ethiopia.

Secret Radio Built

Under the able guidance of the Emperor, he mastered the language quickly and then set out for Africa.

With British thoroughness this "Lawrence" decided to turn the tables on the Italians, who had distributed thousands of radio sets to their newly conquered peoples to tell them "the blessings of the Duce's rule."

With the help of "Lawrence," a faithful follower of the Emperor built a secret transmitting station from which daily bulletins of the Emperor's work in Britain were broadcast.

At first the Italians ignored the radio, but later they tried to take the station. But by the time the authorities came to collect their complaints were lodged by the native owners of the sets that they had been stolen!

"CLOUD" WAR NOW

Germany has special "cloud troops," equipped with cloud-throwing apparatus, according to a speaker on the German radio.

The speaker, who was anonymous, gave an address on cloud warfare, and revealed one of the methods the Germans might employ in an invasion attempt.

"Germany's cloud units," he said, "are fully motorised. They shell the enemy with their cloud shells, and the enemy cannot see the Germans, but has to fight in darkness. He becomes helpless and depressed. He can't see anything."

Moment For Advance

"The cloud shells force him to take shelter," the speaker added "and this is the moment for the infantry or tanks to advance. Then the cloud shelling stops and hand-to-hand fighting begins."

"The artificial cloud," he said, "is not detrimental to health, but soldiers serving with the units must be good infantrymen and have a knowledge of weather conditions."

The broadcaster said it was proved in the blitzkrieg in France that cloud troops were of great importance for a successful offensive.

NEW FINDS AT POMPEII

During excavations at Pompeii the skeletons of eighty-five people, killed while fleeing from Vesuvius, have been found.

Near by was a cache of oculist's instruments.—Reuter.

LOVE BLEW UP HIS LIFE

For over twenty years, not even a breath of scandal had touched the reputation of a quiet, sedate schoolmaster.

Then he fell in love with a fifteen-year-old schoolgirl. Scandal burst on him at the age of forty-eight.

So he blew himself up in his own school. He was found dead among the wreckage.

The master was William Lounsbury, of West New York, New Jersey.

Only the day before Lounsbury was freed on bail after being charged with having an illicit relationship with a blonde pupil whose name is being kept a secret.

He became infatuated when he saw the girl in a classroom. He showered her with money and gifts. He followed her everywhere. Soon she started to appear in school in expensive clothes and decked with jewelry.

Lounsbury must have gone back to the school after classes were over for the day.

Detectives believe that he turned on the gas taps of twenty-two ranges in the cookery classroom, let the gas escape all night, and then ignited it.

Early in the morning the terrific explosion woke West New York people. They ran to find the high school in ruins.

William Lounsbury's body was found among the rubble.

BEQUEST OF SIX COWS

A bequest of six cows is made in the will of Mr. John Harwood Cash, of Farnsfield, near Mansfield, Notts, cotton doubler, who died aged seventy-seven years, leaving £119,989 gross.

He left the cows to his farm manager, Charles W. Reynolds.

R.A.F. MAN WAS BOMBED BY HIS COMRADES

An R.A.F. leading aircraftman who lost his way and was captured by the Italians while examining advanced listening posts was freed when Tobruk fell.

On the night of his capture an R.A.F. bomber carried out a raid on Tobruk. The airman and his guard were huddled in a deep dug-out.

The airman's description of the raid was: "All round me were deafened men. The explosions were terrific. I counted twenty-two of us with bleeding noses from concussion."

JUDGE REBUKES BANNED GIRL

After Phyllis Tracey, variety artist, of Wentworth Court, Surbiton, stated at Kingston County Court that she billed herself as "the girl the Lord Chamberlain banned," Judge Hancock ordered her to sit in court "until he was ready to let her go."

She was released after fifteen minutes.

(Mrs. Tracey is a well-known strip tease and dancer. Her professional name is Phyllis Dixey.)

Good Publicity

The Judge warned her that when she appeared in a court of law she must treat the Court with respect.

Mrs. Tracey and her husband, Mr. Jack Tracey, applied for permission to discharge a debt due to booking agents at the rate of £4 a month. They were ordered to pay £20 a month.

Questioned by Mr. J. P. Williams, solicitor for the agents, Mrs. Tracey said she had been publicised as "the girl the Lord Chamberlain banned." She had found it good publicity.

OFFICERS' PAY TO STAND

The financial position of other members of the community does not support grounds at present for an increase of officers' pay and uniform allowances, the War Minister said in the Commons.

U.S. INCREASING NAVAL EXPERTS IN FAR EAST

RELIABLE QUARTERS in Batavia said that the United States is quietly increasing its staff of naval experts in the Far East and the southern Pacific area although they persisted in their denials that any concrete defence agreement has been concluded between America, Britain, Australia and the Dutch East Indies.

The informants said two U. S. naval officials each have been assigned to Singapore, Darwin, Sydney, Auckland and other points. These are in addition to the U. S. naval officers assigned under routine orders to the legations in Australia and Thailand (Siam). The naval "observers" have been officially described as not members of the American and diplomatic consular offices in the Far East and south Pacific.

The arrival of American warships in Australian waters on what was announced as a "training" and "recreation" cruise was considered significant at this time. Reports, unconfirmed by official quarters, reiterated that Singapore will be available to the United States fleet if Japan moves south-

ward. At the present time, it is said, there is only a bare skeleton British naval squadron stationed at the great naval base on the tip of the Malay peninsula although Australian air forces there have been steadily increasing in recent months.

There is a somewhat similar situation in the Dutch East Indies. The Dutch colonial navy lacks capital ships and depends mainly on submarines and "speedy" torpedo boats.

In view of all these developments, officials here otherwise, it is considered certain that the United States fleet will undertake "heavy work" if Japan moves the main body of her capital ships against either Singapore or the East Indies.

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GERMAN AIR REPORTS ONLY ALARMIST

(From An Aeronautical Correspondent)

REPORTS EMANATING FROM THE UNITED STATES, SUGGESTING THAT AN ARMADA OF 18,000 GERMAN AIRCRAFT IS STANDING READY TO BRING A QUARTER OF A MILLION TROOPS TO ATTEMPT TO INVADE BRITAIN, ARE DISCOUNTED BY THE AUTHORITIES IN LONDON.

The reports are regarded as alarmist, and as arising out of the recent lull in the enemy's night activities over Britain.

There is nothing sinister about that lull. It is not part of Germany's much over-emphasised "war of nerves,"—for surely it would be more damaging to our nerves to be bombed every night than to sleep in peace—nor, as has been suggested in some quarters, does it mean that the Germans are massing thousands of aircraft in France and the Low Countries.

Had it been possible, the Germans would have bombed us every night, and that they have not done so is due almost entirely to the exceptionally bad weather on both sides of the Channel, and especially in Northern Europe.

Snow, Thaw, And Fog

For some time air operations were restricted by heavy snow. Since the thaw set in hundreds of square miles of country have been blanketed by thick fog, low-lying clouds, and drizzling rain. These conditions have not only made it impossible for the bombers to operate, but have reduced many of the aerodromes to quagmires, pegging the heavy aircraft to the ground. Much the same conditions have existed in Britain, keeping the R.A.F. bombers at home on most nights.

An Air Ministry authority pointed out that even if the Luftwaffe have 18,000 aircraft available, they would be an ideal target for our bombers unless they were dispersed, and to disperse them safely would require almost the whole of the territory occupied by Germany.

Aircraft In Rumania

It is no secret that the Germans have invasion preparations, chiefly in the form of barges, in most of the Channel and other occupied ports, but there seems no reason to suppose that air preparations have been advanced to any extent in recent weeks.

On the contrary, it is believed that many of the German squadrons have been sent back to Germany to be re-engined, while a few heavy bombers and larger numbers of Ju87B dive-bombers have been sent to help Italy and to Rumania.

The Germans undoubtedly have a number of Ju52 troops carriers in occupied territory, but these are probably used for the transport of troops and airmen to and from Germany on leave.

The messages from America suggest that altogether Germany has about 70,000 aircraft, half of which are fighters.

It is true they must have possessed a great proportion of that total six months ago, when they allowed the R.A.F. to win such a pronounced local air superiority over the sands of Dunkirk that the B.E.F. slipped through the enemy's fingers and returned safely to England. If the Germans had anything like that number of fighters it seems strange that they did not use them to drive the R.A.F. out of the Channel area and thus ensure wiping out a substantial part of the British Army.

BOY'S £9 WEEK-END

A week-end in the life of a boy of fourteen who was at Lambeth Juvenile Court accused of stealing £9 19s 4d. from his employer, as told by a police officer: "The boy stole the money on a Friday. He spent 30s. on his cycle. He then started going from cinema to cinema and eating ice creams. By Sunday he had spent every penny."

The boy was remanded for a week.

CHAINED BOYS LASHED IN ICY DUNGEON

Children in a reformatory school at Denver, Colorado, were chained naked in an icy dungeon and lashed with a padded leather strap and cat-o'-nine-tails.

Some were made to wear a ball and chain, and others were kept in solitary confinement in leg-irons.

These horrors were revealed at an inquiry when the authorities recommended the dismissal of thirty-five school officials.

"As bad as a Nazi concentration camp," was a common comment among Denver residents on learning the facts. Angry men threatened to beat up the school staff.

The dungeon torture chamber was in almost complete darkness when the doors were closed.

Investigator Carl Morse said boys were black and blue from neck to thighs from beatings. "I saw as many as twelve stripes two inches wide down their backs," he said.

Colonel Raymond Combs, stocky, red-haired principal, sputtered excuses as investigators fired questions at him. "Boys were strapped for disregarding orders," he said.

Two years ago the school was accused of immoral conditions.

IDENTITY TAGS FOR U.S. ARMY

Four and a half million tags are being printed for the American Army to identify men killed or wounded in battle.

The tags are of cloth, to be pinned on the breasts of the dead or wounded. In spaces on the tag would be written the victim's name, death, cause or nature of wounds.

The order for the tags has caused a sensation. Army officials say it is simply in line with the American policy of being prepared for anything.

WANT "UNCLE MAC" AS CRIME DOCTOR

MANCHESTER MAGISTRATES WANT UNCLE MAC, OF THE B.B.C. TO HELP COMBAT JUVENILE CRIME, WHICH HAS RECENTLY BECOME MORE SERIOUS IN THE CITY.

They suggest that the B.B.C. be asked to give talks to mothers on their responsibility and that Uncle Mac be asked to cooperate with the talks.

Other recommendations include an investigation of films shown to children and a suggestion that Corporation departments be asked to make household gas and electricity meters more secure from pilfering.

An appeal is also made to heads of large firms to reduce the temptation to children to pilfer in large stores.

IN LOVE AT 17, MET AGAIN--DECREE

SHE WAS SEVENTEEN — and in love. But their ways parted. Another man claimed her as his bride. For two years the marriage was happy. Then she met again her first love.

She left her husband, went away to France with the sweetheart of her girlhood and on their return to England lived with him.

This was related in the Divorce Court when Charles Robert Olley, of Cleveland-gardens, Hendon, N.W., accused his wife, Lillian Lloyd Olley, of misconduct with Edward Lacey. The suit was undefended.

Mrs. Olley lived with her lover at Cathcart Road, Fulham, S.W.

Mr. Justice Hodson granted a decree nisi.

A decree nisi was granted to George Henry Hitchins, now in the R.A.F., of York-grove, Peckham, S.E., whose wife Doris Rose, after five years of happy married life, met Ronald Beddis, a former sweetheart.

The husband-alleged adultery.

Killed In Action

In another case the man cited as co-respondent had been killed in action and his name

struck out of the petition it was stated.

A decree nisi was granted to Sir John Lionel Reginald Blunt, Bart., of Culverden Castle Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

He accused his wife, Lady Heather Alice Blunt, of adultery.

The case was not contested. The marriage took place in 1932. There are no children.

The case for Sir John, who wore his uniform as an Army officer, was that when war broke out he had to go to his regimental duties. His wife joined the Women's Auxiliary Air Force. Up to that time they had got on very well.

He received information about his wife and a man. Her attitude was that she intended to continue the friendship. Last year he began divorce proceedings.

LUXURY TRADE CUT BLOW TO BLEACH-BLONDE

(By A Special Correspondent)

GENTLEMEN WHO prefer blondes are going to be disappointed. Thousands of women whose golden tresses depend for their glory on the skill of the chemist and the care of the hairdresser are being "black-out."

The Government's restrictive quota on luxury articles is responsible for many of Britain's women deciding to allow their hair to return to its natural colour.

Worst affected are the small hairdressers throughout the country. Many of them are having to ration bleaching for their clients and some are unable to carry on at all.

Even the biggest stores, who had the foresight and capital to get in a store of the "necessaries" are becoming a little worried about what will happen when these supplies are exhausted and they are faced with a 25 per cent cut in goods.

Big Stores "Lucky"

In all the big cities hairdressers are finding the same trouble.

Miss Norah Blackman, a Manchester hairdresser, told me: "I am working on my last drop of bleach at the moment and I don't know when I shall get any more. 'I don't know what my clients will do when the supply gives out. A number have decided to return to their natural colour.'"

At a large London store it was stated that they had taken the precaution of getting in a store of commodities before the quota came into force.

"But when these have gone, we shall feel the pinch. However, compared with the smaller shops, we are lucky."

Back To Shingle?

A leading northern hairdresser told me:—

"Hardest hit will be the small one-room hairdresser who has been taught only the mechanics of the trade and is unable to provide ersatz bleaches or dyes to replace the well-known proprietary brands."

Hairdressers are forecasting a revolution in styles because of the shortage of hairpins. They believe that women will return to the chignon and the plain bob and fringe.

Another shortage will affect painted nails. It is of amylacetate, which is now being used on more important work in the plane industry.

Anyhow, women on war work are dispensing with this sort of luxury.

SHOULD GO COURTING AT HOME

COURTING FACILITIES SHOULD BE AVAILABLE IN EVERY HOME WHERE THERE ARE GROWN-UP SONS AND DAUGHTERS, DECLARES THE REV. W. J. ROBSON, METHODIST MINISTER OF UPPERBY, A SUBURB OF CARLISLE.

"When I was courting there was always a sitting room available," he says.

He finds that young people nowadays can meet only out of doors.

For comfort they have to go into a public-house, and as a temperance advocate the minister deplores this.

He told a Good Templars meeting at Carlisle that on a recent visit to Darlington he went into a public-house with a friend.

"The place was delightfully furnished with armchairs and settees," he said, "and 75 per cent of the folk there were under twenty-five years of age. They were all young courting couples apart from my friend and myself."

Mr. Robson considers that parents have a grave responsibility in this matter. "A girl ought not to have to trawl the streets and go into any old place to do her courting," he says.

GIRL IS MURDER PLOTTER

A princess with a University degree is one of the ten members of the "Committee of Death," ring-leaders of the terrorist movement in Rumania.

Antonescu, Rumanian dictator, is trying to stamp out the movement, which has put exiled Carol's banker, ex-Premier Tatarescu, and several writers on its death list.

Its latest attempt to wipe out the whole of its list was foiled only at the last moment.

Antonescu rushed an infantry regiment to the spot.

The terrorists, whose chiefs meet every week, base their minor savageries on the work of the Gestapo.

After arresting sixteen of them the police searched one of their hide-outs and found typed letters ready for signature by Jewish prisoners.

Shaved Girls' Heads

The letters testified that the writers had been well-treated, but had had to commit suicide because they had been involved with a woman.

Gangsters raided a dance hall in the Lipsani district of Bucharest, maltreated Jewesses and shaved half their heads.

Determined to get weapons to complete their death plan in face of Antonescu's drastic measures, the terrorists tried to raid an automatic rifle factory at Tohani, near Brasov.

Again they were foiled only at the eleventh hour by Antonescu and the army.

Meanwhile, recent arrivals in Belgrade from Rumania stress that under the superficial calm the country is still in a state of muddled misery and anger.

Typhus, brought from Poland, is the latest tragic accident to befall Rumania, where food shortage has already caused minor riots in Bucharest market.

'BREATHES THERE A MAN—'

"My husband is not so common as to drink beer; he drinks spirits. He says the aroma gives him the complex of a gentleman."—A wife in a case at Tottenham Police Court.

SHE WOULD NOT EAT ALLIGATOR

Meat rationing shouldn't worry Mr. John Egger. He's the man who has sampled everything from alligator's tail for breakfast to python-steak for supper.

Mr. Egger is chef to the London Zoo. Animals sentenced to death but proclaimed healthy are often turned into tasty dishes by him and they are sampled at dinners held for Fellows of the Zoological Society.

Recently bear-steak was served at a luncheon party. Mr. Egger always tells his diners what to expect to eat. "Bear-steak went down well," he said at Whipsnade.

The Zoo dentist said: "It was the nicest bit of steak I have ever tasted. Sweeter and more tender than the usual."

Once Mr. Egger took a slice of alligator home with him. "But my wife wouldn't touch it," he said.

"I don't know why because it tasted good."

He has also cooked monkey. "Nothing on 'em though," he said. And emu. He wasn't keen on emu.

Python, he said, tastes like beef. It is a little sweeter.

ITALIAN PRISONERS TO RECLAIM LAND?

(By A Special Correspondent)

ITALIAN PRISONERS of war may be brought to Britain and set to work to reclaim thousands of acres of idle land in Britain for food production. The Government have sounded the Trades Union Congress on the matter and they have agreed.

"Recently the Government suggested to us that Italian prisoners of war might be used for land drainage work on a big scale," an official of the T.U.C. told a reporter. "The T.U.C. have raised no objection."

"There has been no suggestion that prisoners should be used on farm work itself, but purely on work of land reclamation."

"There are large tracts of land in the country which, because of drainage difficulties, have not been available for cultivation. These could be prepared if extensive schemes of drainage were put into operation."

The ultimate effect in increasing our food supplies would be enormous. It has long been acknowledged that many thousands of acres of land in this country could be put to useful purpose growing food for the nation.

Schemes for land reclamation have several times been put forward, principally as a solution to the unemployment problem.

5,000-Acre Scheme

A scheme to drain 5,000 acres in Lincolnshire has been sponsored by the Government. Giant excavators have already reclaimed for cultivation hundreds of acres of land which had been silted and idle.

Production in one area alone had been increased four-fold.

No big reclamation schemes have been carried out in Lincolnshire since the last war, when German prisoners helped to clear thousands of acres. They also cleaned the course of the River Ancholme and made it navigable.

The present scheme is being carried out by Lindsey County Council.

PENAL SERVITUDE TO HOTEL IN MAYFAIR

On the day he left prison after serving five years' penal servitude for fraud, an engineer went to a Mayfair hotel, where he gave the impression that he was a man of wealth and was ultra-generous to the staff.

This was revealed when Roy Jardine Angus, fifty, was at Bow Street sentenced to three months' imprisonment for obtaining credit for £11 17s. by false pretences at the Green Park Hotel, Mayfair.

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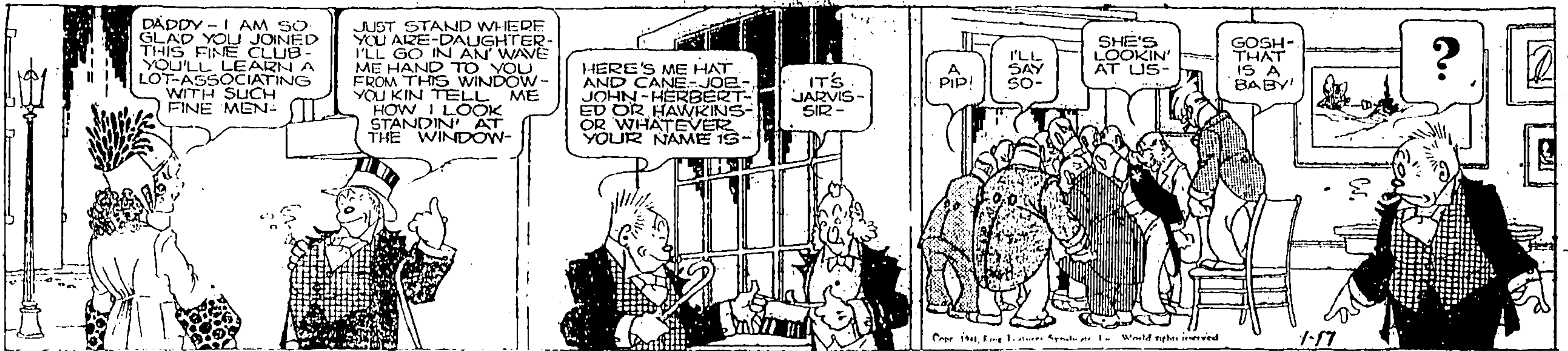
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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

There are many ways to
Serve More Milk To
Your Child

by Dorothy Greig

If there's one thing doctors and experts advocate it is the consumption of at least one quart of milk a day for every child.

Sometimes it may seem to a tired mother that children are equally untalented in their dietum.

The trouble comes when you try to get a child to drink a quart of milk a day for every child.

To be sure many children will not drink milk. They are not used to it. They are used to the sweetened milk of the bottle.

One way to get a child to drink milk is to put a little of the milk in the milk of the bottle. This will help the child to get used to the taste of the milk.

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Baked Vegetable Puree Custard with parsley bacon sauce is served accompanied by carrots.

Cream Of Vegetable Soup

1 can condensed vegetable soup
2/3 cup irradiated evaporated milk
(just as it comes from the can)
2/3 cup water
Add the milk and water to the soup and heat but do not boil. Serves 2-3.

Cream Of Tomato Soup

1 can condensed tomato soup
2/3 cup irradiated evaporated milk
(just as it comes from the can)
2/3 cup water
Measure the water and the milk and mix. Combine milk and soup, heat but do not boil. Serves 2-3.

Cream Of Pea Soup

1 can condensed pea soup
2/3 cup irradiated evaporated milk
(just as it comes from the can)
2/3 cup water
Empty the soup into a saucepan, add the milk and water and heat, but do not boil. Serves 2-3.

Baked Vegetable Puree Custard With Parsley Bacon Sauce

This custard is baked in a shallow dish and served with a parsley bacon sauce. The custard is made by combining vegetable puree, eggs, and milk, then baking it in a shallow dish. The parsley bacon sauce is made by combining parsley, bacon, and milk, then heating it.

Let's Refashion Our Figures



Time to stretch away our winter lethargy, improve our posture and make our figures more lovely! Do you realize that Easter is near when every woman desires to have a refashioned figure with renewed beauty for her spring energy!

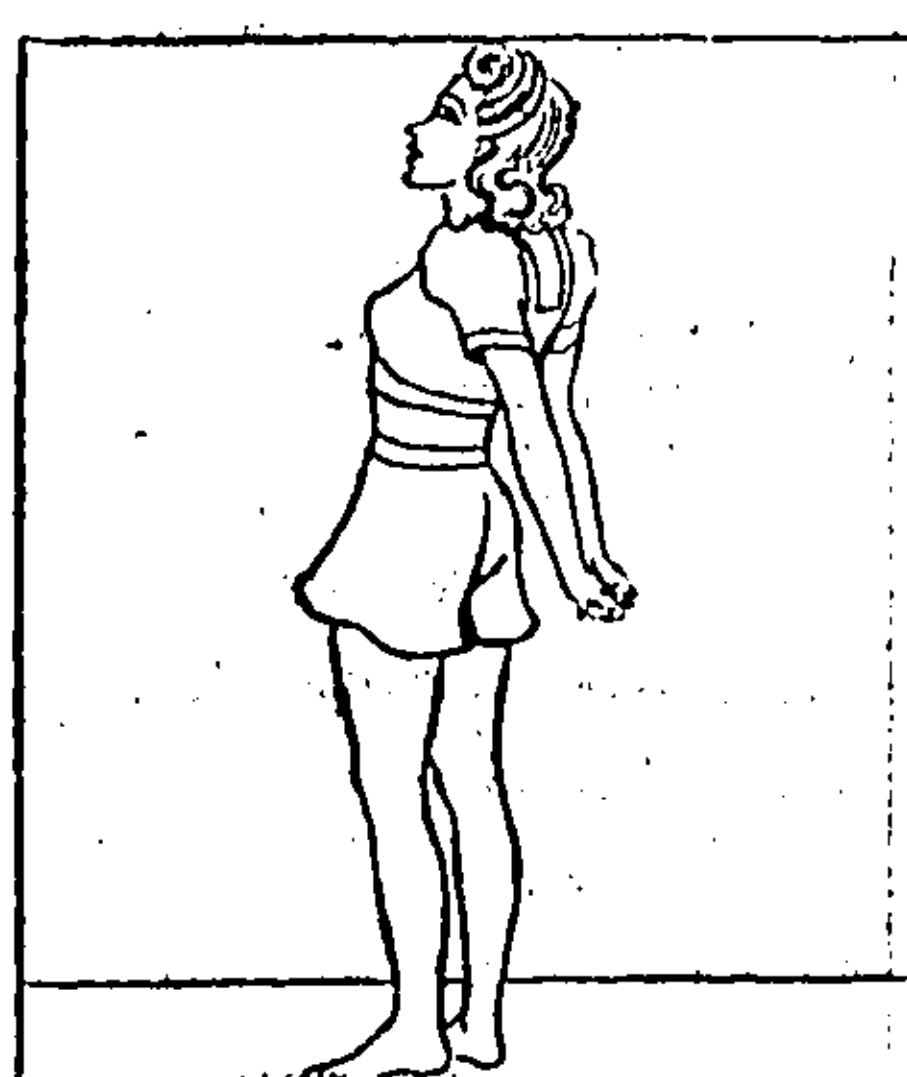
The chances are you've been slumping about lately. That means your shoulders have rounded somewhat, and perhaps, despite signs of a dowager's hump may

be detected at the base of your neck. DO NOT LET EXTRA FLESH STAY THERE! Once your shoulders get so padded it is most difficult to recapture a youthful contour without resorting to professional massage!

Stand up this minute and master these two exercises, and whenever time permits go through them several times. You can do them at your place of business (if the boss doesn't spot you) or you may do them any hour at home.

Exercise 1: Stand in good posture, heels together, head high and back, well balanced. Clasp hands behind your neck and press elbows together in front. Now INHALE as you bring them back to horizontal position (you will feel a sharp stretching in back), and EXHALE as you bring them together again in front. Repeat from ten to twenty times.

Exercise 2: Stand with your feet six inches apart and clasp hands in back of your keeping spine erect. HOLDING UPPER SPINE ERECT push your shoulders back and down so the shoulders blades are pressed together. AT THE SAME TIME bend your



head backward, until you are looking at the ceiling. INHALE DEEPLY AND SLOWLY AS YOU BEND YOUR HEAD BACKWARD and EXHALE SLOWLY through your lips as you bring your head and shoulders back to normal position. Ten times in all.

You should feel muscles stretch in abdomen area, shoulder arch, neck and down spine. Keep rehearsing this one if you want improved posture.

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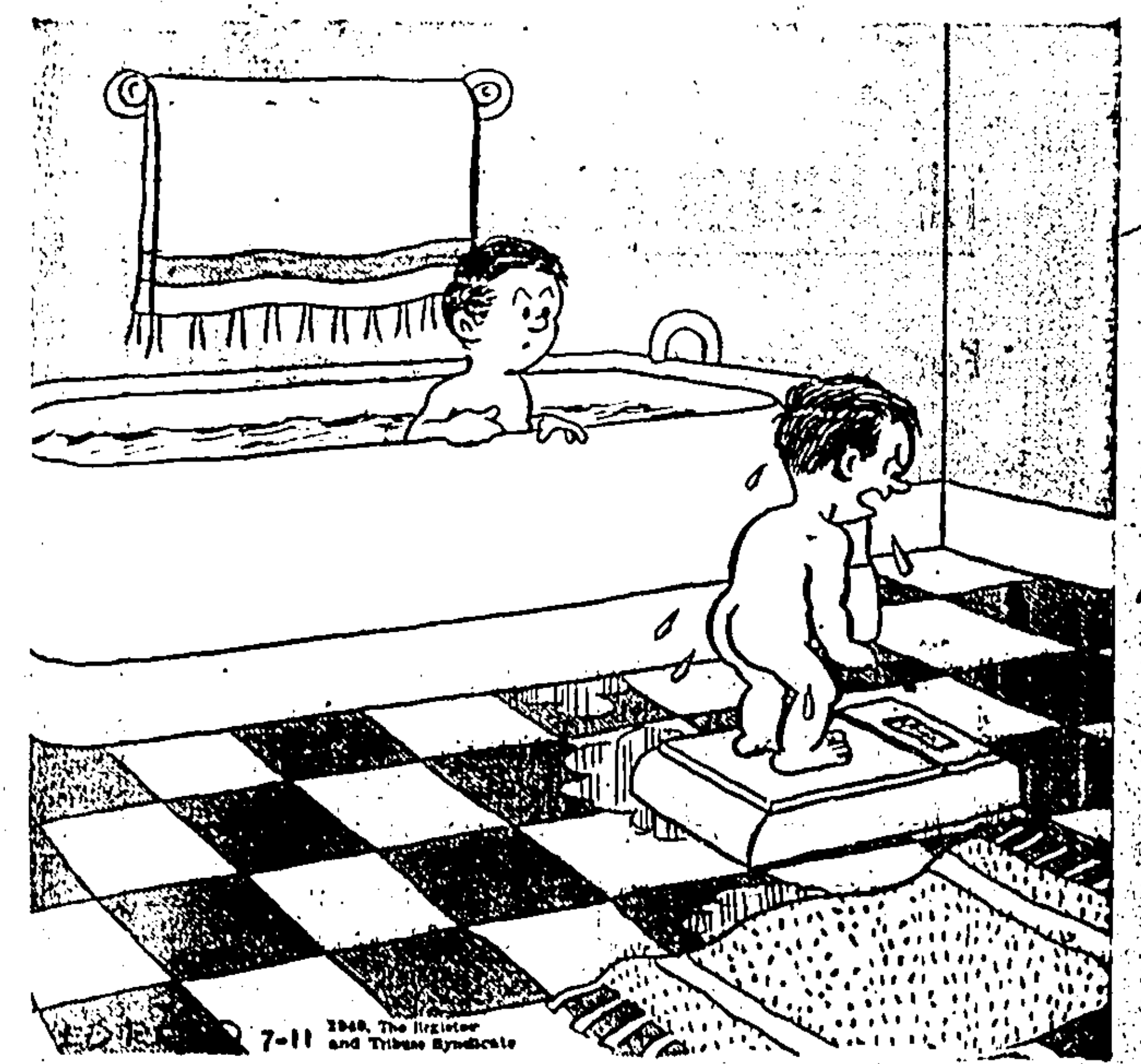
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OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED



"I didn't have as much dirt on me as Ma thought—I weigh just the same as before!"

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12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.—Dance Music.

Fox-Trot—Mourning Blues; Hindustan

Bob Crosby's Bob Cats. Slow

Fox-Trot—Serenade to the Stars

(film "Mad about Music"); Quick-

step—It's Wonderful... Howard Jac-

cobs & His Orchestra for Dancing.

Tango—Hear My Song. Violetta...

Emil Roosz & His Orchestra. Fox-

Trot—The Jazz Me Blues; Wash-

ington and Lee Swing... Bob Cros-

by's Bob Cats. Waltz—Love Seren-

ade (film "Let Freedom Ring");

Quickstep—If I Were Sure of You

(from "Cotton Club Parade")... Vic-

tor Silvester & His Ballroom Orch.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal.

1.01 p.m.—Vocal Duets by Jeanette

Macdonald (Soprano) and Nelson

Eddy (Baritone).

Will You Remember (film "May-

time"); Farewell to Dreams (Kahn-

Romberg); Indian Love Call (from

"Rose Marie"); Ah! Sweet Mystery

of Life (film "Naughty Marietta").

1.15 p.m.—The Lecuona Cuban Boys.

Rumba—Cachita; Conga—La Havane

A Paris; Bolero Cubano—Tendre

Bolero; Rumbas—International

Rumba; Antillana.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press, and

Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Compositions of Grieg.

Wedding Day... Arthur de Greef

(Piano). A Swan, Op. 25, No. 2;

In The Boat, Op. 60, No. 3... Kir-

sten Flagstad (Soprano) with Piano.

Holberg Suite, Op. 40; Prelude and

Sarabande—Gavotte—Air—Rigaudon

...London String Orchestra.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quota-

tions.

6.32 p.m.—J. H. Squire Celeste Octet

with Nan Maryska (Soprano).

Song of the Waterfall (J. H. Squire);

Scent of the Jasmine (J. H. Squire)

...J. H. Squire Celeste Octet.

Nightingale Song (Zeller)... Nan

Maryska (Soprano) with Orchestra.

Valse Bluettes—Air De Ballet (Drin-

go). J. H. Squire Celeste Octet.

Tomorrow (R. Strauss)... Nan

Maryska (Soprano) with Piano acc.

Narcissus (Nevini) J. H. Squire

Celeste Octet Serenade (E. Strauss)

Nan Maryska (Soprano) with Piano acc.

My Sweetheart

When a Boy (Morgan-art. Willough-

by)... J. H. Squire Celeste Octet.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—"British

Speaks". Talk by J. B. Priestly.

7.30 p.m.—Portuguese Programme.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and An-

ouncements.

8.02 p.m.—Rimsky-Korsakov—Sche-

herazade, Op. 35.

1st Mov. Largo e maestoso-Lento.

Allegro non troppo; 2nd Mov. Len-

to-Andantino-Allegro molto; 3rd

Mov. Andantino quasi allegretto;

4th Mov. Allegro molto-Lento-Al-

legro molto e frenetico-Lento-Vivo.

Allegro non troppo maestoso-Al-

breve (Tempo come 1)-Vivo-Spirito-

so-Allegro non troppo maestoso.

Leopold Stokowski and the Philadel-

phia Orchestra.

8.47 p.m.—Cello Solos by Pablo Casals.

Musette (Bach-Pollain)

Goyescas—Intermezzo (Granados).

Les Compliments (Cassado).

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions of

the Hour".

9.30 p.m.—Variety.

Humorous—Eton and Winchester.

Rugby and Harrow... Ronald Fran-

kau with Piano—Keep A

Twinkle in Your Eye—Quickstep...

Gerry Moore—Humorous—I Don't

Mean What You Mean... Ronald

Frankau with Piano. Piano—

Dream Awake—Slow Fox-Trot...

Gerry Moore, Vocal—With All My

Heart (from "Her Master's Voice");

He's An Angel (Hodges)... Elsie

Carlisle with Orchestra. Hawaiian

Orch.—On the Beach of Walkiki

(Kallimati)... Waikiki Stone-Wall

Boys. Vocal—You Were So Charm-

ing (Carr-Ilda); I'm Your Slave

(Brunelle & Tovey)... Charles

(Gerry) Fitz Gerald (Tenor) with

Orchestra.

9.45 p.m.—News in French (on Short

Wave only).

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—Talk: "Scots

Abroad".

10.15 p.m.—Dance Music.

Quickstep—I've got my eyes on you

(film "Broadway Melody of 1940");

Fox-Trot—Begin the Beguine...

Billy Cotton & His Band. Waltz—

As 'Round and 'Round we Go (from

"Haw-Haw"); Fox-Trot—The Gaucho

Serenade... Swing and Sway with

Sammy Kaye. Swing Fox-Trots—

April in Paris; King for a Day...

Artie Shaw & His New Orchestra.

Slow Fox-Trot—Where Or When

(from "Babes in Arms"); Quickstep

—Are You Havin' Any Fun? (from

"The Little Dog Laughed")... Am-

brose & His Orchestra. Slow Fox-

Trot—Faithful Forever; Quickstep—

It's A Hap-Hap-Happy Day (both

from "Gulliver's Travels")... Jay

Wilbur & His Band. Fox-Trot—The

Man Who Comes Around; Quickstep

—Bring out the Little Brown Jug

...Billy Cotton & His Band. Fox-

Trot—The Woodpecker Song...

Glenn Miller & His Orchestra. Fox-

Trot—Irene; Waltz—Alice Blue

Gown (both from film "Irene")...

Wayne King & His Orchestra.

11.00 p.m.—Close down.

Arrangements have been made between London parents and foster parents in reception areas so that, should the parents die, the foster parents at once become legal parents by adoption.

This has happened in a number of instances, reported Mr. Charles Robertson, chairman of the London County Council Education Committee, yesterday, describing

a visit to Devon, Cornwall and South Wales.

Mr. Robertson accompanied Mr. A. Emil Davies, chairman of the L.C.C.

"The children are happy and healthy," said Mr. Davies. "They are going to bed earlier, they are getting a mixed diet and learning to eat and enjoy for the first time fresh vegetables.

"In mining districts in South Wales the collieries sent out their bands to welcome them.

Homesickness

Mr. Davies said that girls were usually more homesick than boys.

"Up to 98 per cent. of the children are perfectly happy," he said. "Here and there I saw a girl—always a girl—with eyes tear-dimmed by homesickness.

"On reflection, I am not sure that it is a bad thing. The parents don't want their children completely to forget them."

Elementary schoolchildren in a village collect wool from barbed wire and hedges. This they spin, dye with natural dyes, weave into skeins and knit into garments.

Fifteen London boys are singing in the choir at a Welsh cathedral.

At Biddeford, Devon, children presented Mr. Robertson with a "bouquet," a large basket of onions. They agreed that it should be handed over to London parents bombed out. The onions are being distributed to meals centres in South-East London.

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A PRETTY CHINESE WEDDING

Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith officiated at the marriage of Miss Katherine Kam-Sheung Lee to Mr. Benjamin Kwai-Lau Lui at the Registry of the Supreme Court yesterday.

The reception, which was attended by a large number of friends and relatives, was held afterwards at the Gloucester Hotel. A Guard of Honour was provided by the 7th Hong Kong (King's College) Troop of which the bridegroom is an instructor.

The bride, a daughter of the late Mr. Lee Cheung Hing and Mrs. Lee, was given away by her uncle Mr. Lee Tse Ming. She wore a gown of white French lace, cut on princess lines, and a tiara of orange blossom to hold in place her long tulle veil. She had a bouquet of Easter Lilies.

The bridesmaids, Miss Dorrie Lee and Miss Nancy Lui, wore sky blue and mauve tulle dresses with full skirt, high waist, velvet ribbon trimmings and Juliet caps to match. Their bouquets were of mixed spring flowers.

The bridegroom, who was supported by his brother, Mr. Herbert Lui, and the bride's brother, Mr. Buddy Lee, is the son of Mr. Lui Wai Chau of Messrs. Lo & Lo, and Mrs. Lui, and had only recently returned from Europe where he obtained Diplomas of Physical Education from Loughborough College, England, and the Swedish National College of P. E. under Major Thulin, the world-famous authority on Physical Education, and has since been appointed instructor of P. T. in King's College and the Evening Institute. He is also a keen badminton player, being a member of the King's College team, the contenders for the Junior Shield.

REPUDIATED BY UNION

The general council of the National Union of Clerks and Administrative Workers has passed a resolution repudiating any responsibility for statements made by delegates from certain branches of the Union attending the recent People's Convention in London.

YUGOSLAVIA'S WHIPHAND IN BALKANS

THE "HELSINGFORS Arbetarladet" commented yesterday, in delighted strain, that one can understand that Ribbentrop is not entirely pleased with his new brother, Yugoslavia.

He wanted to show his Japanese colleague that the newly organised Europe was all complete, with Yugoslavia as a fresh extra cake on the tray.

Suddenly it appears that the pastry was explosive and the delicate cake goes up in smoke with a slight pop.

It is not at all pleasant to be compelled to invite people to this kind of delicacy.

The military critic of the "Sonnen" says this is Germany's first diplomatic loss, if one excludes

the French and British declarations of war.

If the war extends to the Balkans, Germany will lose one of its best suppliers of food, and another important oil route from Russia will be cut off.

Germany also will not receive copper, bauxite, antimony rock oil, salt, coal, lignite, iron ore, manganese, gold, lead, mercury and asphalt.

Almost all these products are vital for her war industry and supplies thereof have been extremely important for Germany.

British Bases

British bombers would secure excellent bases in Yugoslavia for attacking the Rumanian oil districts and the Bohemian and Moravian armament factories.

There Germany has no effective anti-aircraft defences such as she has westwards and along the shores of the North Sea.

The critic expects the front will be formed in the mountains where conditions are favourable for the Yugoslavs: the Greek position will be improved and the Italians will be compelled to withdraw hurriedly from Albania.

The Stockholm "Dagens Nyheter" says it will be understandable if Germany reproaches those who have organised an inappropriate accompaniment to Mr. Matsukoka's visit to Berlin, which was intended to be so festive.

Strategy Of Terror

The New York "Mirror" says Yugoslavia has dealt the first solid blow Hitler's prestige has received since he militarised the Rhineland in 1936, with the exception of the failure to attempt an invasion of England.

That is important because Hitler has won many a battle through prestige, fear and a strategy of terror.

For the first time an objective which Hitler openly set himself and which he believed to have been achieved, has been denied him.

Instead of the spectacle of one more country accepting the Nazi yoke, the Japanese Foreign Minister has seen a small and comparatively weak country flout the German might.

Act Of Defiance

The New York "Sun" says that nobody who remembers the fighting spirit of the Serbs in the last war will be astonished that they have refused to honour the shameful surrender of their Government at Vienna.

Small peoples everywhere will take new courage and the Nazis will feel the power of this act of defiance not only to Yugoslavia but in all oppressed territories from the Mediterranean to the Arctic.—Reuter.

GERMANS FINE A TOWN £12,000

The town of Bordeaux in German-occupied France has been fined 2,000,000 francs (£12,000 approximately pre-war) by the German authorities because a civilian assaulted a German soldier. In addition, a deposit of 4,000,000 francs has had to be made by the town, to be forfeited should such an incident recur.

BRITAIN'S RATIONS ASSURED

Great Britain can maintain present rations of essential foods, the U.S. Agriculture Department says, even if sea warfare slashes imports to 40 per cent. of average pre-war levels for fats and 30 per cent. for bacon and ham and sugar.

These estimates were based upon the assumption of no startling shifts in domestic production and discount the influence of changes in reserve stocks.

The department's survey found Britain faring better than Germany inessential foods, but said the war had boosted prices there but not in the Reich.

Reporting on the British rationing system, the department said that in the first war year imports of food far exceeded the levels believed necessary to maintain present rations. This was due to the government's policy of accumulating reserve supplies and of allowing larger rations than at present.

The department said it could make no estimate of import requirements for meats other than ham and bacon, since it cannot be assumed that domestic meat production will remain unchanged. It explained that home production of meat would be increased temporarily for some time, due to the necessity of reducing herds because of decreased feed supplies.

The report made a rough comparison between rations and Great Britain and Germany. In addition to fats, meat and sugar — which are rationed in both countries — bread, milk and cheese are rationed in Germany, but not in the United Kingdom. Consumption of eggs was said to be greatly restricted in Germany, but not in Great Britain.

The department said food consumption in the United Kingdom was fully up to peace-time standards well into 1940, whereas in Germany consumption of fats, meat, eggs and fruit had been more or less restricted for several years.

"On the other hand, the proportion of the population that is actually buying full rations, at largely unchanged prices, is larger in Germany than in the United Kingdom, where food prices since the outbreak of the war has substantially increased."

Commenting on the British rations, the department said the present restrictions of fat — notably animal fats — appeared "rather serious." British official quarters declare, the department said, that present rations will not impair health.

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ARMY SPORTLIGHT

ARMY TEAM CHANGED FOR KOTEWALL CUP GAME

Saw, Auld And Marable Newcomers In Attack

By "Squaddy"

ARMY WILL MEET SOUTH CHINA IN THE LAST GAME OF THE KOTEWALL CUP SERIES ON SATURDAY AT CAUSEWAY BAY.

There has been three changes in the forward line from the team which drew with Navy.

Saw and Marable, of Middlesex, have been included in as the left wing combination instead of Weir and Duffield, as the latter is unfit to play. Auld, of Royal Scots, who was recently promoted to Royals' senior eleven, has been given a chance at the centre position. He is the type of player needed for the Chinese and should do well in this position on Saturday. If Army win they will well the Kotewall Cup competition as South China have beaten the Navy, and the Army drew with the Navy.

Following is the Army team: Bankier, Naysmith and Fraser (Capt.); Burrell, Bright and Freshwater; Owens, Fox, Auld, Saw and Marable.

Reserves:—Reynolds, Sheehan, Guy and Pelham.

In Second Division, Royal Engineers look like being the champions. They further strengthened their hold by defeating the Kit Chee Football Club by 4 goals to 1. Royal Army Service Corps, who are hot on their heels, are still three points behind and it looks very much as if they will be runners up, as the third team are nine points behind.

Signals and Air Force are still battling for Third Division honours and both had narrow wins on Saturday and although there is only one point in it, so far, it looks very much like the last game counting.

Signals are one point in the lead but have played one more game and have only one match to play and the Air Force have two more matches.

Air Force have had the least goals scored against them in League football this season.

HOCKEY

THE Army six-a-side knockout competition will be held during the month, on the dates when will be notified later.

Large Units may enter up to three teams and this competition will be worth watching as there are some strong sides in this competition. The Middles have an exceptionally strong side, but the strongest can falter.

RUGBY

ROYAL Engineers still maintain an undefeated record in the Large Units' Rugby League. The Rugby committee are debating whether they should continue with the League as there are a lot of Military duties to compete with at the present moment. In any case, Royal Engineers are the winners of the League and this gives them two trophies for Rugby, as they have already won the Small Units competition.

The Large Units Rugby League standings are as follows:

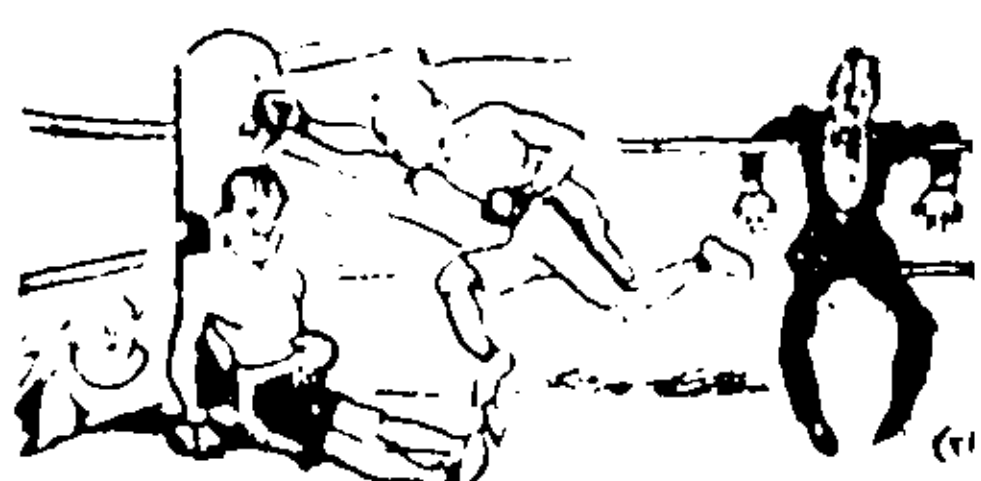
	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Royal Engineers	7	7	0	0	14
Royal Artillery	6	3	3	0	6
Middlesex Regt.	6	2	4	0	4
Royal Scots	4	1	2	1	3
Combined S. Units	5	0	4	1	1

Any Units wishing to play off their remaining matches may do so and are allowed to use Soerunpoo on Tuesday's for this purpose.

NEXT week the Inter-Unit Team Boxing competition takes place at Murray Barracks on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, if necessary.

Combined Small Units will not be entering a team as previously expected, as they can only raise 12 competitors. Three teams will now compete, they are: Combined Royal Artillery, Royal Scots and Middlesex Regiment.

Royal Scots have been in strict training for this event and are expected to pull it off once more. They have won the boxing trophy two out of the three years they have been here and the Mid-



dlessex once. Last year Royal Scots won it by one point and Middlesex are all out to regain it this year.

The Boxing tournament which the B.W.O.F. were trying to arrange for some time in May between Army and any opposition which could be found has had to be cancelled as no opponent have been found for the Army boxers.

ATHLETICS

TODAY, at Pokfulam 12th Coast Regt., R.A., are holding their regimental sports and selecting their team for the Command Athletic Meeting which takes place at the end of the month.

NEXT Wednesday Middlesex Regiment will meet the Hong Kong University in an Athletic meeting to be held at Shamshuipo and the following events will take place. At the request of the University there will be four competitors in a team.

40 Yards Relay.
180 Yards Hurdles.
580 Yards Relay.
1 Mile Relay.
1 Mile Medley Relay (one at 440 yards, one at 880 yards and two at 220 yards).
Long Jump.
Throwing the Javelin.
Putting the Shot.

SEVEN-A-SIDE RUGBY

THE Army Seven-a-Side Rugby Tournament will commence next Tuesday, April 8, and so far the following teams have entered: 8th Coast Regt., R.A. (two teams); 5th A.A. Regt., R.A. (three teams); Royal Engineers (two teams); Medical Corps; and Royal Signals.

Entries from Royal Scots and Middlesex have not yet been received but they are expected to enter two teams each.

TENNIS RESULTS

Following were the results of yesterday's tennis matches:—

OPEN SINGLES

C. H. R. Oxlade beat T. A. Pearce 7-5, 6-3.
M. Pugh beat O. Umetani 4-6, 14-12, 6-3.

CLUB HANDICAP SINGLES
T. J. Gould beat A. K. Mackenzie 6-0, 8-6.

CLUB HANDICAP DOUBLES
G. W. Sewell and D. M. MacDougall beat V. R. Gordon and M. H. Turner 6-4, 6-3.

R. H. Blake and H. C. D. Knight walk-over from H. E. Waller and E. S. Hall.

R. E. Guest and B. C. Fay v F. W. Carter and E. N. Thursday (unfinished, one set-all).

TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Following is to-day's Tennis Championship programme:—

Open Singles

Tsui Wal-pui v. K. H. Ip (8); S. A. Rumjahn v. L. Shields-Goodman (5).

Club Handicap Singles
F. W. Carter (1/0) v. V. R. Gordon (2/0); T. J. Gould (15.2) v. A. K. Mackenzie (plus 1/0) (3); G. W. Sewell (4/0) v. H. C. D. Knight (2/0) (0).

Club Handicap Doubles
R. E. Guest and B. C. Fay (30) v. F. W. Carter and E. N. Thursday (2/0) (40).

BADMINTON PAIRINGS

"A" Division

	P.	L.	W.
K. W. Cho, and C. K. Lee (University "A")	12	0	12
H. F. Chiu and P. K. Hui (University "A")	9	0	9
P. S. Bun and M. S. Lim (University "A")	6	1	5
M. P. Yoong and Y. P. Yoong (University "B")	6	1	5
C. Au and H. Koh (Chinese "Y")	12	7	5
J. J. Remedios and H. F. Goncalves (Recreio)	15	10	5
M. A. Oliveira and A. M. Rodrigues (Recreio)	15	10	5
F. Koh and C. Y. Yung (Chinese "Y")	15	10	5
C. Au and F. Koh (Chinese "Y")	6	2	4
P. H. Wong and P. C. Lau (Chinese "Y")	9	5	4
L. A. Carvalho and A. M. Silva (Recreio)	15	11	4
C. K. Lee and S. L. Yung (University "B")	3	0	3
M. S. Lim and S. F. Yung (University "A")	3	0	3
T. T. Chin and F. L. Yung (University "B")	6	3	3
P. H. Hon and H. F. Chiu (University "A")	1	1	2
C. K. Cheuk and K. B. Lin (University "B")	3	1	2
S. Amplanavar and A. P. Lee (University "B")	3	1	2
M. P. Yoong and Y. P. Yoong (University "A")	3	1	2
P. H. Wong and C. Y. Yung (Chinese "Y")	3	2	1
D. H. Wong and T. W. Wong (Chinese "Y")	3	2	1
C. Au and P. H. Wong (Chinese "Y")	3	2	1
K. B. Low and S. Amplanavar (University "B")	3	2	1
C. K. Cheuk and S. Amplanavar (University "B")	3	3	0
H. Koh and T. C. Lau (Chinese "Y")	6	6	0

Following are leading Badminton League pairings:—

"B" Division

	P.	L.	W.
A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter, Blyth (K.C.C.)	21	3	18
N. L. Smith and P. Wilson (St. John's)	21	1	20
H. Eardley and D. Kwok (St. John's)	18	0	18
E. F. Fincher and H. Kew (St. Andrew's)	18	4	14
D. M. Xavier and S. A. Rumjahn (V.R.C.)	18	5	13
S. P. Chan and K. J. Attwell (King's)	12	0	12
W. Gillies and L. Gordon (Police)	21	9	12
C. F. Chiu and S. C. Liang (Chung Wah)	12	2	10
S. P. Chan and W. C. Chung (King's)	12	0	12
A. E. Brown and S. A. Gray (St. Andrew's)	15	6	9
W. H. Choy and W. C. Choy (Chung Wah)	9	1	8
P. C. Leung and K. F. Chiu (Chung Wah)	12	4	8
Peter Lo and J. Tsang (Kowloon Tong)	15	7	8
M. T. Davies and B. Gillespie (St. Andrew's)	15	7	8
K. L. Lui and W. C. Chung (King's)	9	2	7
J. Odell and M. Talan (J.R.C.)	12	5	7
T. Lam and K. H. Lo (King's)	15	8	7
J. L. Anderson and H. S. Jones (K.C.C.)	15	8	7
C. C. Pereira and E. A. R. Alves (Recreio)	9	3	6
H. T. Woo and K. L. Lui (King's)	9	3	6
P. A. Yvanovich and P. P. Botelho (Recreio)	6	1	5
R. Maynard and G. S. Ladd (St. John's)	24	19	5
A. E. Xavier and A. E. Noronha (Recreio)	9	5	4
S. Ramler and B. Godkin (J.R.C.)	12	8	4
A. Baste and M. M. de V. Soares (V.R.C.)	15	11	4
C. F. Chiu and P. C. Leung (Chung Wah)	3	1	2
S. C. Liang and K. F. Chiu (Chung Wah)	3	0	2
C. F. Chiu and W. H. Choy (Chung Wah)	3	0	2
E. A. R. Alves and B. T. Gosano (Recreio)	3	0	2
E. Zimmern and D. Hazell (K.C.C.)	3	0	3
W. Lawrence and A. E. Noronha (Recreio)	3	0	3
D. Hazell and A. E. P. Gupta (K.C.C.)	6	3	3
D. Kwok and E. Kennard (St. John's)	6	3	2
A. E. P. Guest and E. Zimmern (K.C.C.)	6	3	3
J. L. Anderson and D. Hazell (K.C.C.)	6	3	3
H. S. Jones and A. E. P. Guest (K.C.C.)	3	1	2
F. H. Kwok and R. E. Lee (Kowloon Tong)	3	1	2
F. H. Kwok and J. Chan (Kowloon Tong)	0	3	3
R. E. Lee and K. M. Lee (Kowloon Tong)	3	1	2
S. C. Chan and Lee Po (Kowloon Tong)	3	1	2

BRILLIANT BADMINTON AT K.C.C.; M.P. YOONG JUST BEATS P.K. HOOL

By "Adrem"

THE SENIOR SINGLES badminton championship match between M. P. Yoong, Cambridge half-blue, and P. K. Hool, former triple Colony champion, who has not met with defeat in a championship match for at least three seasons, was well up to expectations, and the capacity crowd at Kowloon Cricket Club was treated to some exchanges of the highest standard.

Yoong won in three games, the scores being: 17-14, 5-15, and 17-15.

The Cambridge player was the first to settle down, finding his touch immediately and scoring freely with beautifully-timed strokes of every description. Hool could not get going and was kept on the move like no player in Hong Kong has ever forced him before. Yoong ran into a long lead of 9-0 before Hool scored his first ace, but then the former champion, a dour fighter that he is, settled down. His short game improved greatly and he turned the most powerful smashes of his opponent to his own advantage with neat touches at the net.

Yoong Overhauled

Yoong was covering court very well but Hool outmatched him, to slowly make up the deficit and eventually take the lead at 13-12. The game was "set" at 14-all, and Yoong went out at 17-14.

Late in this game Yoong was showing signs of distress and it came as no surprise when Hool won the next game easily, there being several interruptions through Yoong's indisposition.

F. S. Li and S. C. Liang (Chung Wah)	3	1	2
R. E. Lee and P. C. Fletcher (Kowloon Tong)	3	1	2
K. L. Lui and J. Pan (King's)	3	1	2
K. H. Lo and W. C. Chung (King's)	3	1	2
N. Whitley and N. L. Smith (St. John's)	3	1	2
A. E. Xavier and C. C. Pereira (Recreio)	6	2	4
K. J. Attwell and K. H. Lo (King's)	6	3	3
E. F. Fincher and H. Merrett (St. Andrew's)	3	1	2
P. Yvanovich and A. E. Noronha (Recreio)	3	1	2
S. W. H. Choy and S. F. Lee (Chung Wah)	6	3	3
S. T. Chan and S. C. Chan (Kowloon Tong)	6	4	2
G. Brown and A. A. Remedios (V.R.C.)	6	4	2
W. C. Choy and K. F. Chiu (Chung Wah)	3	2	1
E. A. R. Alves and P. A. Yvanovich (Recreio)	3	2	1
A. E. Xavier and R. M. Soares (Recreio)	3	2	1
O. el Arculli and S. A. Rumjahn (V.R.C.)	3	2	1
B. Godkin and M. Talan (J.R.C.)	3	2	1
N. A. E. Mackay and J. A. Chen (Kowloon Tong)	3	2	1
R. E. Lee and F. S. Ko (Kowloon Tong)	3	2	1
H. Dingdale and C. Y. Sui (Police)	3	2	1
N. A. E. Mackay and R. E. Lee (Kowloon Tong)	3	2	1
A. E. Xavier and E. M. Alarcon (Recreio)	3	2	1
E. M. Alarcon and A. E. Noronha (Recreio)	3	2	1
B. T. Gosano and P. Yvanovich (Recreio)	3	2	1
H. S. Jones and E. Zimmern (K.C.C.)	3	2	1
A. K. Rumjahn and M. M. de V. Soares (V.R.C.)	3	2	1
R. E. Lee and M. B. Lee (Kowloon Tong)	3	2	1
F. H. Kwok and R. Lavallo (Kowloon Tong)	3	2	1
D. Chen and F. Castro (Kowloon Tong)	3	2	1
K. L. Lui and T. S. Ho (King's)	3	2	1
E. A. R. Alves and P. P. Botelho (Recreio)	9	8	1
A. R. Pollak and L. Landau (J.R.C.)	6	5	1
A. Pollak and M. Talan (J.R.C.)	6	5	1
B. Godkin and J. Odell (J.R.C.)	6	5	1
J. MacDonald and H. Dingdale (Police)	9	8	1
F. Castro and A. A. Remedios (V.R.C.)	12	11	1

The final game was a thrilling affair, both men being very well-matched in every phase, but Yoong, now apparently completely recovered, gradually assumed control to lead 14-11. Hool still refused to give up and amid great excitement crept up slowly while Yoong was trying hard to secure that elusive match-point. When Hool levelled at 14-all it appeared certain that he would win but with Yoong serving, he had bad luck with several of his shots, which either hit the netcord or landed on the wrong side of the lines, and Yoong won the necessary three aces with comparative ease to end a great match.

Results

The following were the results: MEN'S JUNIOR DOUBLES
T. S. Young and M. K. Fung beat Peter Lo and J. Tsang 18-17, 15-7.

JUNIOR SINGLES
J. L. Anderson beat E. Zimmern 15-11, 15-7.
J. Odell beat H. S. Jones 15-5, 15-12.

SENIOR SINGLES
M. P. Yoong beat P. K. Hool 17-14, 5-15, 17-15.
K. W. Choy beat W. Gillies 15-3, 18-1.

YAUMATI SCHOOL SPORTS

The Yaumati Government School annual sports were held yesterday on the Central British School Ground.

The senior championship resulted in a tie between Chan Yiu-kai and Wong Wai-sun with 11 points, and Au Yeung-chuen, with 15, won the junior championship.

High Jump (Senior):—1, Ng Tit-sang; 2, Chan Yiu-kai; 3, Wong Wai-sun. Height 5 ft. Junior:—1, Poon Chee-wo; 2, Lam Kwok-wah; 3, Au Yeung-chuen. Height 4 ft. 5 ins.

100 Yards (Small Boys):—1, Yung Shau-loon; 2, Leung Ping-kwan; 3, Leung Kim-wai. Time: 13 7-10. Senior:—1, Wong Wai-sun; 2, Chan Yiu-kai; 3, Tsui Ying-kwan. Time: 11 2-5. Junior:—1, Au Yeung-chuen; 2, Lam Kwok-wah; 3, Chan Wal-tong. Time: 11 2-5.

Three-Legged Race (Small Boys):—1, Yung Shau-loon, Ng Chung-dow; 2, Lau Man-ching, Kung Kai-lai. Long Jump (Senior):—1, Chan Yiu-kai; 2, Leung Po-man; 3, Tsui Ying-kwan. Distance: 15 ft. 2 1-2 ins. Junior:—1, Au Yeung-chuen; 2, Lam Kwok-wah; 3, Poon Chee-wo. Distance: 15 ft. 11 ins.

Spoon and Egg Race (Small Boys):—1, Yung Shau-loon; 2, Ng Tit-sing; 3, Lau Man-ching. 440 Yards (Senior):—1, Wong Wai-sun; 2, Hing Chee-lep; 3, Tsui Ying-kwan. Time: 63 1-2. Junior:—1, Au Yeung-chuen; 2, Lam Kwok-wah; 3, Chan Wal-hong. Time: 65 1-4.

220 Yards (Small Boys):—1, Leung Kim-wai; 2, Chau Kun-fok; 3, Leung Ping-kwan. Time: 32 3-5. Half-Mile (Open Handicap):—1, Ng Tit-sang; 2, Hing Chee-lep; 3, Tsui Yum-man.

East Pupils Race:—1, Lo Chu-pang; 2, Lau Pak-ngo. Class Team Race (Classes 5 and 6):—Class 5A. Class Team Race (Classes 7 and 8):—Class 7B. Tag-Of-War:—A. Classes 5, B. Classes.

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R.A.F.'S OWN BALL GAME

Scenes recalling the famous football match in 'Tom Brown's Schooldays' have lately been observed at certain Air Force stations. One hundred or more players can take part in the game—pass-ball which was invented by a Wing Commander.

Its parentage appears to be by rugged out of netball. Its various opposing teams depends on the advantages are that the size of the number of players available, that the size of the pitch varies accordingly, that the equipment cost is small, and that the game is fast and vigorous.

The game is played with a soccer ball; the goals are similar to those used in netball. But pass-ball differs from netball in that a goal must be scored in the course of play and not from a free shot, that a player may bounce the ball as he runs, and that the ball may be struck from an opponent's hand. The ball, which may not be held for more than two seconds or carried for more than three paces, is passed rapidly from player to player—but it may not be punched or kicked, and tackling a player in football style is also barred.

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HAS MASTERED CHIEF LESSON

JIMMY McLARNIN likes Billy Conn to beat Joe Louis when they meet for the world's heavyweight championship in June, writes Henry McEmore from Hollywood, California.

The gimlet-eyed little Irishman who once held the welterweight title, and who fought 13 world's champions in his day, is going to bet a pretty fair chunk on Pittsburgh Billy when he goes against the supposedly invincible brown bomber.

You can't kiss off McLarnin's leaning toward Conn by saying that it's just another example of an Irishman going for an Irishman. Jimmy has his reasons, and coming from a man as good as he was inside those ropes, they carry a little weight. This country has produced few men who were better boxers than the kid from Vancouver, and pound for pound no man ever outthit him.

Learned Lesson

"The main reason I like Conn to lick Louis," McLarnin told me over a game of gin-rummy at the Lakeside Club recently, is that Billy has mastered lesson "A" in fighting, and that is to hit and not get hit.

You can't beat a guy without hitting him, and I don't think Louis can hit Conn. Conn is fast, Louis is slow. Louis is worse than that—he is awfully slow. All you have to do to know that is to look at his legs and thighs. They are big. That's good for a hitter. That's where Joe gets a lot of his power—those big legs driving in. Jimmy, carried away by his subject, pushed back the cards, got up from the table, with Bob Hope, Randy Scott, Bob Armstrong, Alan Hale and a lot of others watching him, gave a demonstration of how Conn can lick Louis.

"Hit and move away—jab and move—keep moving—in and out" McLarnin said as he shifted and punched and dodged an imaginary foe.

"To hell with Conn being too light," Jimmy said. "Get him up to 180 or a little more, and that's big enough."

Will To Fight

Dempsey was a fair fighter and what did he weigh? don't forget this, either. Conn is mean. I've seen him fight, and you can't tell me he is just a pretty boy, a picture boxer. No, sir, he has that something a champion has to have, and that is willingness to do anything to win. You can't be a champion unless you have it. Deep inside him he is ready to do anything to get that decision.

McLarnin thinks Conn hits plenty hard enough to hurt Louis.

"I saw the pictures of his fight with Pastor, and Pastor was no bum. Yet Billy knocked him through the ropes and stopped him. Pastor is harder to hurt than Louis. You don't have to hit Joe very hard to make him stop thinking, and get him all mixed up. You can't show me a man in the world who weighs 175 or more and is in good physical condition who can't punch hard enough to hurt. Let a flyweight get set and he'll give you the slappers."

Psychological Edge

McLarnin gives Conn a big psychological edge, too.

"Conn is still moving up," McLarnin explained. "He wants that heavyweight title. He is spurred on by the fact that everyone thinks he is tackling the impossible. He has everything to win and nothing to lose. Louis must be close to fed up with the title. He has had it for a long time, he's rich, and I know enough about boxing to know he is tired of training."

The one thing McLarnin doesn't like about Conn is his way of taking two or three rounds to warm up. "He can't afford to make a slow start against Joe," Jimmy said. "He'll be killed if he does. What he should do is work three or four

rounds in his dressing room before going into the ring.

In picking Conn to lick Louis, McLarnin doesn't under-rate the champion's class.

"He is the fastest man with his fists I ever saw," Jimmy said, "and he hits just as hard as any man I ever saw fight. But he is slow, and there isn't any excuse for a fast man ever being hit by a slow one. Particularly when the fast man has brains to go along with his speed."

That's McLarnin's opinion. It isn't mine, which probably makes it right.

"BOUGHT" FRENCH HORSES NOT SUCH BARGAINS

MOST OF THE French bloodstock, including the whole of the Aga Khan's valuable stud, has passed into German hands, according to a report from the German frontier relayed to Hong Kong last week.

It was generally expected that when the Germans occupied parts of France they would commandeer the thoroughbreds, and now they are reported to have "bought" hundreds of them, the transaction being carried out by the German Breeders Union in conjunction with the German Army Command. It is known that many famous brood mares, such as La Becassine, La Bourrasque and La Belle Dame were among those of the Aga Khan's horses that were concerned in the "deal."

Others Missing

The Aga Khan had four breeding studs in France, among the stallions being Ruston Pasha, Firdaussi, Badruddin and Sind, but it is not known what has happened to them. He also had a large number of brood mares at these studs, and each year their produce came up for sale at Deauville.

The "deal" recalls Lord Roseberry's recent speech to the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association, when he said that France, so far as they knew, had lost the whole of her thoroughbred stock.

But those people who had stolen the French horses would not find them such a bargain as they thought.

No one could enter an animal in the General Stud Book without the authority of the owner and approval of Messrs. Weatherby.

General Stud Book

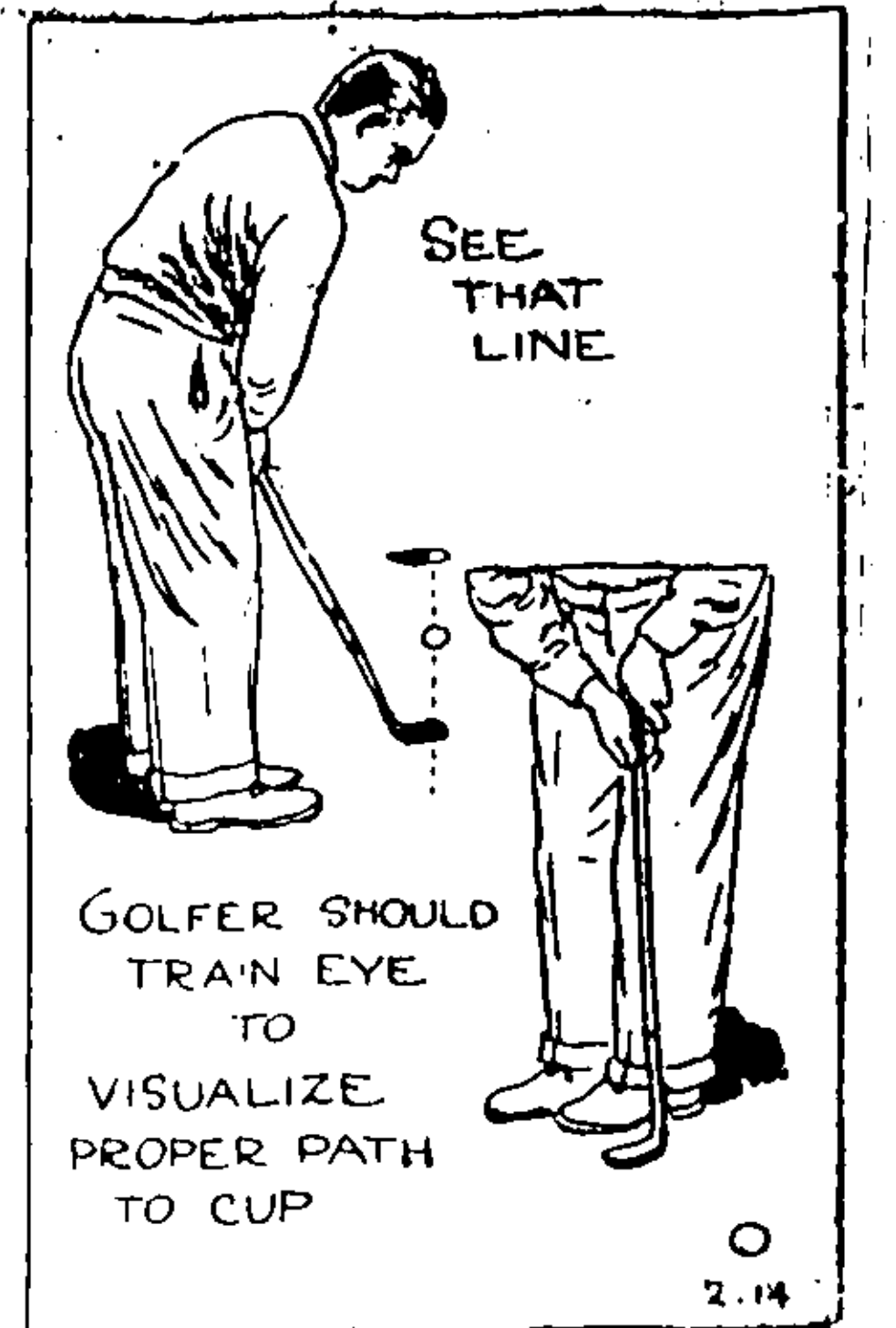
The first volume of the General Stud Book was issued in 1791, its object being to maintain the purity of British thoroughbred stock.

Since May, 1913, no horse or mare has been considered eligible for admission unless it could be

traced without flaw on both sire and dam's side of its pedigree to horses and mares already accepted in the earlier volumes of the book.

Horses and mares not eligible are regarded as half-breeds.—Reuter.

GRAPHIC GOLF



The Putting Path

BY BEST BALL

Before a player makes his putt, he should endeavour to see clearly the line of path to the hole. On some occasions this will be more readily apparent than at others but the player should make a diligent effort to visualise the path on all occasions. Only by constant application to this detail can the golfer increase his sensitivity to this factor. The routine trains the eye, not only in putting accuracy but in short shots to the green as well.

'Bobby Jones once said he never missed a putt in which this line was clearly defined in his mind beforehand. This is testimonial enough as to its value.

Next Article: — Uphill-Downhill.

JEAN BOROTRA VISITS COLLEGE FOR COACHES

M. Jean Borotra, Commissioner-General for Sports, recently inspected the College for Sports and Athletic Coaches at Antibes, states a message from Nice.

In a short address, M. Borotra defined the aim of sports education in France, which is to develop character as well as bodies.—Havas.

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FRENCH SHIPS IN U.S. MAY ALSO BE SEIZED

America Likely To Put All Into Service

ELEVENTH QUIET NIGHT RUNNING

London had no air raid warning last night. This was the eleventh quiet night running, though over and around Britain last night there was again slight enemy activity, mainly off the north-east coast.

Raiders were reported over several other areas but up to a late hour no incidents were reported.—Reuter.

R.A.F. KEEPS UP AN AVERAGE

R.A.F. FIGHTER PILOTS AND A.A. DEFENCES DESTROYED ENEMY AIRCRAFT AT AN AVERAGE RATE OF 50 A MONTH SINCE JANUARY 1, OVER AND AROUND ENGLAND.

Total "bag" for the first quarter of 1941 was 155.

Fighter Command losses for the first quarter of the year were 41 aircraft, states the Air Ministry news service.—Reuter.

Within Terms Of Formula Of Aid To Britain

WELL-INFORMED CIRCLES IN WASHINGTON THINK THERE IS A STRONG POSSIBILITY THAT FOLLOWING THE SEIZURE OF ITALIAN, GERMAN AND DANISH SHIPS, THE UNITED STATES WILL TAKE THE SAME ACTION IN REGARD TO FRENCH SHIPS, OF WHICH THERE ARE NOW 15 IN AMERICAN PORTS.

Replying to questions, Treasury officials in Washington yesterday intimated action was possible later this week.

Officials are now studying the final disposal of the seized ships which at present remain in "protective custody," the title still remaining with the original owners.

According to Treasury officials it is very probable the ships will be placed in service in view of Britain's need of ships and the general shortage of shipping.

Meanwhile President Roosevelt has indicated that he personally ordered the seizure of Italian, German and Danish ships during the week-end.

This was revealed at a press conference on the train taking him back to Washington, but he declined to comment.

Attempted Sabotage

The seized ships totalled 296,715 tons, announced the Coast-guard Service in Washington yesterday.

Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State defended the Government's action at his press conference.

He said he would not talk at present about the final disposition of the ships.

Mr. Hull had not heard anyone question the absolute legality of the seizure, and emphasised that justification for it was based on the fact that attempted sabotage in the ships endangered American ports.

The Formula

Asked whether the seizure could be construed as a step towards war, Mr. Hull replied that the United States Government had for some time pursued a course of aid to Britain and other nations under a formula of all available aid short of war.

"That is the formula followed so far," he added.

Four Danish ships in the Philippines, aggregating 23,000 tons, were taken into "protective custody" by the U.S. Navy yesterday.

Admiral Thomas Hart, Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Asiatic Fleet, explained the action was taken in order to prevent sabotage by the crews.—Reuter.

BELGRADE BLAZES DEFIANCE OF THREAT

(Continued from Page 1) but it is well known that there are some mechanised units on the Austrian frontier, and it is easy to send further concentrations from western Rumania while the large number of railway lines radiating southward from Budapest would enable the Germans to mass troops very quickly along the long, flat Yugoslav frontier.

In the event of aggression the Yugoslav army must be expected immediately to take up mountain positions, as the flat frontier would be ideally suited to a German air and tank "blitz."—Reuter.

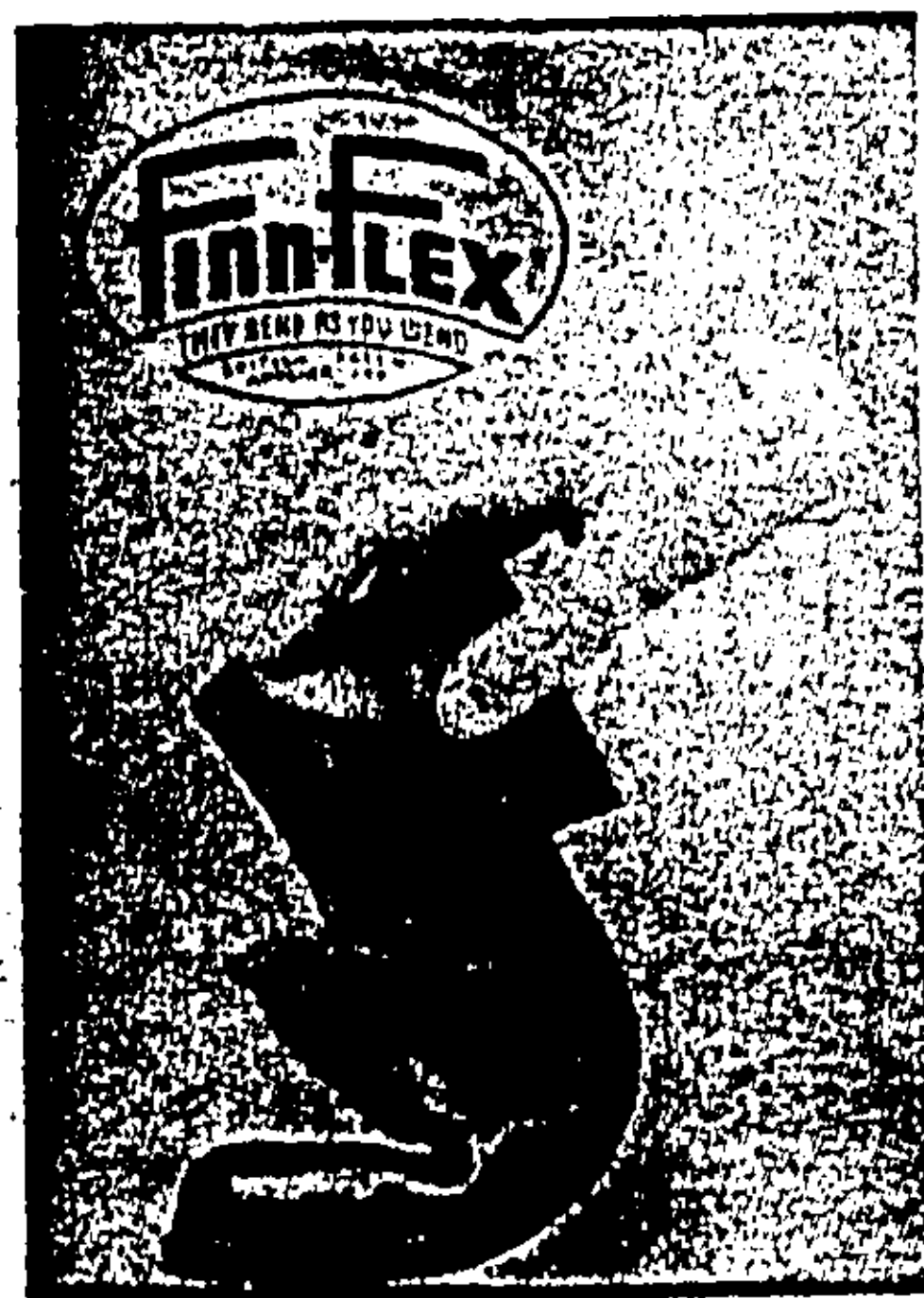
"Deeply Deplored"

"The departure from Yugoslavia of a number of German citizens is probably the result of some regrettable incidents due to irresponsible persons on the occasion of the patriotic demonstrations of March 27 and March 28."

A semi-official statement announcing this was issued in Belgrade yesterday, adding: "These incidents were deeply deplored and condemned both by the Government and public opinion generally."

"With regard to them the Government calls on the population to remain calm in all circumstances and to pay no attention to alarmist rumours. It is doing all in its power to dispel any suspicion regarding its desire to maintain good relations with its neighbours."—Reuter.

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BELGRADE BLAZES DEFIANCE OF THREAT

Dramatic Call To Yugoslavia

TO BE READY

General Simovitch, the Yugoslav Prime Minister, yesterday issued an Order of the Day which was broadcast to the nation.

The manifesto declared: "The interests of the country and the nation demand that the people shall guard their own houses and, if necessary, even defend them at the cost of their lives, for the sake of the Fatherland, the King and the nation."

"OUR ARMY, AIR FORCE AND NAVY ARE PREPARED TO DO THEIR DUTY."—REUTER.

Declines To Cower In Blackout

GERMANS FOUND ON ITALIAN SHIPS

Among the survivors from the Italian cruisers and destroyers sunk in the Mediterranean are 35 German officers, petty officers and gunners, according to an Athens telegram received in London yesterday, says Reuter.

THE LIGHTS OF BELGRADE STILL BLAZE DEFIANTLY AT NIGHT DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE CITY IS MERELY MINUTES FLIGHT FROM THE NEAREST GERMAN AIR BASE IN RUMANIA.

There has been no blackout in Belgrade since the crisis blew up while all the time Bucharest cowers under blackout conditions.

This is typical of the difference in outlook of the two cities.

The German exodus from Belgrade continues. The German Minister, von Heeren, himself saw off 1,100 German civilians as they left Belgrade by special Danube steamer on Sunday night.

Passengers included hundreds of the notorious "tourists." These left messages with their landlords saying, "We shall be back in a month."

Most of them left their furniture in Belgrade and are keeping on the tenancy of their Nazi-paid apartments.

British Women Leave

At the request of the British Minister, Sir Ronald Campbell, nearly all British women in Belgrade left on Sunday night for Istanbul.

A special train last night took the remaining Germans to Vienna. Italians already have disappeared.

German Troops

Precise reports in regard to German troops on the Yugoslav frontier are very difficult to confirm. (Continued on Page 16)

YUGOSLAVIAN DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY

The Yugoslav Minister in Berlin, M. Amtritch, has gone to Belgrade to inform his Government of the "effect which events in Yugoslavia have produced in Germany."

This was announced in a Berne despatch to the French news agency quoting the newspaper "La Suisse."

The Yugoslav Minister in Moscow, M. Gabrilovitch, has gone to Ankara, according to a Budapest despatch quoting the newspaper "Maynap."

"M. Gabrilovitch is carrying on very important conversations with the Turkish Foreign Minister, Dr. Sarajoglu," the newspaper adds. "There is no doubt he is personally best informed of the views of the Kremlin and Ankara." — Reuter.

AXIS SHIPS TO FIGHT BLOCKADE?

Rumours are strengthening in Rio de Janeiro that Axis ships are gathering in mid-ocean for convoy under the protection of German battle-cruisers.

These rumours coincide with the sailing of the Italian freighters Franco Martelli from Recife, Brazil, and the Friso from Fortaleza, Brazil, 24 hours after the departure of the German steamer Dresden from Santos.

The vessels, in clearing at Brazilian ports on Sunday, gave Oslo as destination.

The Franco Martelli is a tanker recently released from embargo when Italian financiers at San Paulo forwarded funds to pay her debts.—Reuter.

VENTURED TOO FAR

AN ENEMY FIGHTER WHICH VENTURED OVER THE CHANNEL YESTERDAY WAS DESTROYED BY R.A.F. FIGHTERS. IT WAS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED IN LONDON.

This is the only item of daylight activity by the enemy which the Air Ministry has to report.—Reuter.

the retreating enemy are being collected in large quantities. — Reuter.

BRITAIN'S ENORMOUS WAR EXPENDITURE

THE "ASTRONOMICAL" cost of the war to the British taxpayer is revealed in revenue returns issued last night showing Britain spent a record amount of £3,967,245,670 in the financial year which ended last night.

Total ordinary revenue from all sources was £1,408,867,097, leaving a deficit of £2,458,378,573.

Problem for the Chancellor of the Exchequer in his forthcoming Budget will be whether he will try, by imposing new taxation, to narrow the enormous gap between expenditure and revenue which otherwise had to be bridged by borrowing.

The supply services, including the fighting forces, accounted for £3,637,113,000 of the expenditure as against £1,078,257,000 last year.

Cheering feature of the returns is a net increase of £369,878,404 in total ordinary revenue over last year's yield.

Revenue Return

Revenue exceeded the Chancellor's estimate by over £46,000,000, largely owing to the success of new taxes, including the Purchase Tax, which he introduced in his July Budget.

Most revenue items show substantial increases, including customs and excise (presumably in-

cluding the Purchase Tax), which together are over £129,000,000 above last year's figures.

Ten Millions A Day

Total expenditure in the year, it may be noted, average £10,500,000 a day but expenditure in the past three months averaged nearly £13,000,000 a day.

Excess of expenditure over revenue is covered by borrowing.

The Floating Debt increased by £1,324,000,000 during the year and now amounts to £2,813,410,000, compared with £1,489,200,000 a year ago.—Reuter.

VITTORIO VENETO IDENTIFIED

THE ENEMY BATTLESHIP DAMAGED IN THE MEDITERRANEAN BATTLE WAS THE 35,000-TON VITTORIO VENETO, OF THE LITTORIO CLASS, STATED THE CAPTAIN OF THE SUNK ITALIAN CRUISER POLA IN ALEXANDRIA YESTERDAY. — REUTER.

S. AFRICANS OCCUPY DIREDAWA

The advance towards Asmara, in Eritrea, continues, stated an official communique issued in Cairo yesterday.

The occupation of Diredawa, in Abyssinia, was carried out by South African troops who are now advancing westwards.

The forward movement is developing in other sections. The number of prisoners is steadily mounting while guns and war materials abandoned by

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ITALIAN FLEET LURED TO DESTRUCTION BY A CRUISER

GREEKS BREAK THE LULL

The lull on the Albanian front which followed the Italian disastrous offensive attempt has been broken by the Greeks again taking the initiative.

On Sunday several small storm detachments entered the Italian lines at various points, stated Athens radio, inflicting losses, taking prisoners and seizing many machine-guns.

Greek artillery was also active against moving columns but Italian artillery response was weak.

Greek aircraft cooperated, the announcer added, by inflicting severe losses while attacking important targets without, however, any loss to themselves. — Reuter.

GRAND SHOW BY INDIANS

"Our boys were marvelous at Keren, where they eclipsed their own deeds at Sidi Barrani.

"India has every reason to be proud of them," declared the Nawab of Bhopal to Reuter, on arrival by air in Karachi from a tour of the Middle East, where he visited the Indian troops, including his own State forces.

He added: "I was very fortunate to be at Keren when our troops stormed the town and that was my happiest day. Our boys at the front have been simply magnificent. They fought like giants. God bless them and preserve them.

"They are in the highest spirits, are very fit and being well looked after.

"I felt so proud of the Indian troops, so was the General Officer Commanding, General Platt." — Reuter.

Full Story Of Shattering Defeat: Barham's Battery

FULLER DETAILS OF THE CRUSHING DEFEAT OF THE ITALIAN FLEET IN THE MEDITERRANEAN, WHICH CROWNED THE GREATEST WEEK OF THE WAR, SHOW THE ENEMY SUFFERED ALMOST CERTAIN LOSSES OF SEVEN WARSHIPS — FOUR CRUISERS AND THREE DESTROYERS — WHILE A BATTLESHIP OF THE LITTORIO CLASS WAS SERIOUSLY DAMAGED BY THE REPEATED POUNDING OF FLEET AIR ARM TORPEDOES.

With the return of the British Fleet to Alexandria, without a man hurt or a ship scratched, the full story is revealed how the enemy forces were lured to destruction by a British cruiser.

The Italians were taken completely by surprise when the 30,000-ton Warspite, leading the British Fleet and followed by the battleships Barham and Valiant, began a chase lasting 12 hours and demolished an enemy cruiser already hit by aerial torpedoes by salvos of broadsides, leaving our destroyers to race in to finish the job.

Back in port, Admiral Cunningham paid a great tribute to the personnel of his fleet for skillful manoeuvring, and to the Air Arm for the untiring efforts which, between them, contributed to the greatest naval victory of the war.

First news of the Italian fleet's activity was an air reconnaissance report sent in on Thursday. It stated an enemy force was steaming eastward near Cape Passaro, southernmost tip of Sicily.

With dramatic suddenness, the British Fleet immediately sailed to contact the enemy.

Near Crete

On Friday morning, one battleship of the Littorio class and a force of enemy cruisers were contacted by our light forces southward of the western end of Crete, while further air reconnaissance reported a second force, comprising two battleships, cruisers and destroyers, further to the north.

The Fleet Air Arm and the R.A.F. immediately attacked the former, seriously damaging the

Littorio battleship, reducing her speed considerably, while several hits were also registered on cruisers and destroyers.

Attempt To Scatter

While aircraft and light forces thus maintained contact with the enemy, who endeavoured to scatter and return to his base, the battleships followed up.

They were able to make contact only as darkness fell, the chase towards the Italian shores having lasted about 12 hours and covered some 200 miles.

The leading ship of the British Battle Fleet, was Warspite which opened fire with her 15-inch guns from a distance of just under two miles.

EFFECT OF WARSPITE'S FIRE WAS DEVASTATING. THE ENEMY CRUISER FIUME LIT UP, THE SURROUNDING SEA BY A VIOLENT BURST OF RED FLAME EXTENDING FROM THE FOREMOST FUNNEL TO THE AFTER GUN TURRET.

One observer said the after turret itself was blown clean over the side.

While the ship was thus blazing, Warspite poured in a further broadside, causing a fresh outburst of flame.

By now the entire Battle Fleet was in action, the whole scene being lit up by gunfire, blazing ships and searchlights.

Before the enemy had any chance to reply a second cruiser, the Zara, was burning fiercely, when she received a broadside from Warspite.

A third cruiser, the Pola, was likewise dealt with by the other British battleships, the whole action taking a matter of seconds.

Besides Warspite the battleships Barham and Valiant and the destroyers Havock and Greyhound participated in the action.

Notable Success

In his "well done" signal to the warships on their return to port, Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham said: "I am most grateful to all in the Fleet for their support on this, as on all other occasions.

"The operations just concluded have given us a notable success and supremacy.

"The skilful handling of our cruisers and the untiring efforts of our Fleet Air Arm kept me well informed of enemy movements, and the well-pressed home attacks of torpedo-bomber aircraft on the Littorio so reduced the speed of the enemy fleet that we were able to gain contact during the night and inflict heavy damage.

"The devastating effect of the battleships' gunfire are ample reward for months of patient training. This work was completed by the destroyers in the admirable way we have come to expect of them."

Cruiser Surrendered

The Italian cruiser Pola surrendered to the destroyer Jervis after she had been disabled by a torpedo bomber which scored a direct hit in the engine room.

THE CAPTAIN, 21 OFFICERS AND 236 RATINGS WERE TAKEN ON BOARD JERVIS, WHICH THEN SANK THE POLA WITH A TORPEDO.

Led Into Trap

How the Italian warships were led into a trap is now revealed.

The cruiser Orion (sister-ship of Achilles and Ajax of Gral Spee fame) contacted the enemy ships and lured them towards the British Battle Fleet for about four hours until the enemy battleship, stated to be the 35,000-ton Vittorio Veneto, was damaged by the Fleet Air Arm.

After this, the Italians, possibly scenting a trap in Orion's tactics, turned about. When the enemy retired, the objective of the British light forces was to try to cut off the damaged enemy battleship, which was then reported 30 miles distant, heading for Italy listing and badly down by the stern.

Stricken Pola

British light forces carried out a circling movement at full speed in order to place themselves ahead of the enemy despite the fact that the latter was much heavier and superior in force, but no contact

MATSUOKA MEETING IL DUCE

Mr. Matsuoka will meet Mussolini to-day, and will lunch with King Victor.

His audience with the Pope will take place on Wednesday, according to a Rome despatch to Vichy.

The German radio states Mr. Matsuoka has sent a telegram to Ribbentrop saying "I am sure the conversations which I had in such a friendly atmosphere in Germany will lead to a further strengthening of the bonds between the two countries and the creation of a new order in Europe and East Asia." — Reuter.

Mr. Matsuoka, who arrived in Rome yesterday by special train, was met at the station by Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister, other members of the Italian Government, the Secretary of the Fascist Party and the German Ambassador. — Reuter.

was made and it was found that the cruisers Fiume and Zara, which previously had been accompanying the Vittorio Veneto, had returned to help the stricken cruiser Pola.

This move either indicated they did not realise the full strength of the distant British Battle Fleet or was designed to create a diversion to enable the Italian battleship to escape.

Sea Of Men

It was while the British light forces were searching for the enemy battleship that the British Battle Fleet blasted the Fiume and Zara.

As the destroyer flotilla led by Jervis approached the scene of the blazing Italian cruisers, the sea was filled with 700 or 800 men, some of whom were picked up, but the British ships were unable to wait as other Italian ships were menacing and the cruiser Pola, though motionless, was still unaccounted for.

As Jervis approached, Pola flung out a large white sheet, her crew were drawn up on the quarterdeck, apparently ready to surrender, and the Pola's private papers and ship's books were burning beneath the after gun turret.

Gangplank Rescue

A gangplank was thrown across between the quarterdecks of the Pola and Jervis, and the surrendering Italians clambered on board.

While the Pola was surrendering the remaining British destroyers were circling round picking up survivors.

The prisoners included a naval war correspondent who was also an artist. He said he had already prepared a picture of British ships sinking but tore it up when he found it was the Italians and not the British who were being sunk.

An interesting point in regard to this action is that the British were able to pick out the Italians in the darkness before they themselves were seen.

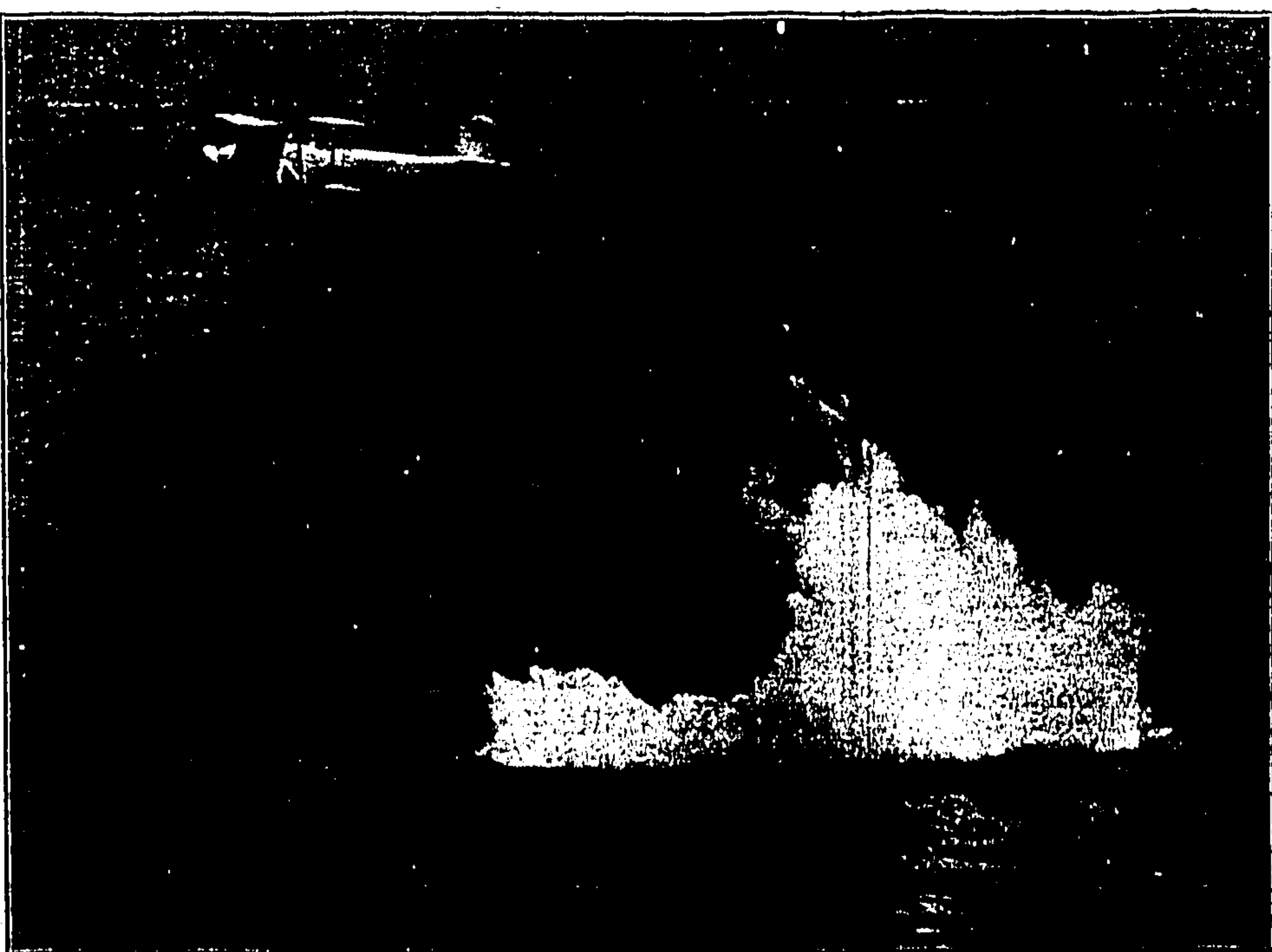
Signal Victory

A large measure of the success must be credited to the superiority of the British optical instruments to the German instruments used by the Italians.

The ceaseless practice of the British Fleet in night fighting also undoubtedly contributed to the signal victory.

It seems probable the Italians put to sea in an attempt to intercept British convoys.

Asked whether he thought the Italians put to sea under German control, Sir Andrew Cunningham expressed the opinion that they probably did so "under German instigation." — Reuter.



Aerial Torpedo entering the water after being launched by a Fairey Swordfish aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm. (Copyright, Charles E. Brown.)



Arbestos gloves, apron and helmet, complete with an asbestos snuffer are being supplied in Britain as equipment for the fire-bomb fighter and spotter. With this outfit one can deal with an incendiary bomb without any fear of its flames. (Copyright, Fox).

EFFORT TO GET SURFACE RAIDERS

Two German surface raiders, Scharnhorst and Gneisenau, used in attacks on Atlantic shipping, were berthed in Brest, one in dry dock and the other alongside the quay, when a powerful force of aircraft of the Bomber Command were despatched on Sunday night to this most Western port on the French coast, says the Air Ministry news service.

The attacks fell most heavily on parts of the harbour where the German raiders were known to be.

British aircraft came in from every quarter to criss-cross the objectives with bombs among which were some of the most massive used against such a target.

No direct hits on the battle-ers are claimed but there is no doubt that their berths were very thoroughly "plastered."

The other attack, on the docks at Calais, was made through gap in cloud which hung over the port.

Though not comparable in strength with the attack on Brest this raid continued for an hour and a half and good results were reported.—British Wireless.

GAS TEST IN KENT

FOLLOWING THE HOME SECRETARY'S ADVICE IN A RECENT SPEECH THAT THE POPULATION OF BRITAIN SHOULD BE READY AT ANY TIME TO FACE GAS ATTACK, THE RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT AND MAIN SHOPPING AREA OF KINGSTON-ON-THAMES YESTERDAY WERE THE SCENE OF "GAS EXERCISES."

Tear gas was released and people in the streets immediately put on gas masks, it being noteworthy that children responded most quickly to the danger.

Wardens were stationed to give necessary advice to those who

MOUNTING SCORE OF A.A. GUNS

Since January 1 R.A.F. fighter pilots and the A.A. defences have been destroying enemy aircraft at the average rate of 50 per month, says the Air Ministry news service.

Total bag for the first quarter of 1941 has been 155—up to six p.m. on March 31. Of this total pilots of the R.A.F. Fighter Command claim the lion's share with 94 definitely destroyed.

A.A. gunners have brought down 51 and destruction of the remaining ten is credited to the balloon barrage defences and to "other causes." Fighter Command losses for the first quarter of the year have been 41 aircraft.

Thus the Fighter Command continues to claim more than two enemy machines for every one of its own despite the Luftwaffe abandonment of mass daylight raids in favour of cloud hopping hit and run tactics.

Biggest bag on any one series of operations since January fell to night fighters of the R.A.F. who, on March 13, shot down eight enemy bombers. The previous night they accounted for four and on the following night three.

R.A.F. Sweeps

Nor has the Fighter Command been solely on the defensive since the New Year began. Early in January the first of a series of sweeps was carried out over enemy occupied territory.

In three months 14 offensive sweeps have been made and on seven, fighters escorted a bomber formation on successful bombing raids.

Another outstanding feature of the three months record is the rapidly mounting score of the A.A. gunners. On each of two nights they destroyed four raiders, their best month being March, when they accounted for 23 enemy aircraft definitely destroyed.—British Wireless.

seemed unable to use masks satisfactorily but generally the public, including drivers of vehicles, responded well.—British Wireless.

Germans Playing Up Incident Off Algeria

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

THE GERMANS ARE PLAYING UP THE INCIDENT OFF THE ALGERIAN COAST WHEN FOUR FRENCH MERCHANTMEN FORCED THE BRITISH CONTRABAND CONTROL.

The British have excellent reasons for believing the ships were laden with contraband, chiefly a big consignment of rubber.

The incident is unfortunate, as the Vichy Government are acting under the inspiration, if not pressure, of the Germans.

The rights of the British to enforce the blockade are indisputable in international law, and it was only by the exercise of great self-restraint that the British did not employ the power which was in their hands of using coercion against the blockade runners, but higher considerations of humanity prevailed despite the added provocation of shell fire from shore batteries and attacks from the air.

Britain has obviously no wish to quarrel with Vichy or interfere with legitimate traffic between non-occupied France and her colonies, but it is clear that Germany cannot be allowed to take advantage of British generosity and forbearance.

Clear Language

It is therefore to be expected that Britain's attitude in this and cognate questions will be repeated to Vichy in unmistakable language to remove the chances of repetition of such incidents.

The British Government has known for some time that French vessels have been carrying goods destined for Germany.

Most revealing was the programme for French railway transport drawn up by the Germans recently, covering January 15 to March 1, which fell into British hands.

According to this programme some 30,000 tons of bauxite, 10,000 tons of aluminium and thousands of tons of rubber were to be transferred from unoccupied France to Germany.

Nitrates For Huns

Absolute priority over other shipments was provided in the programme for some 200,000 tons of nitrate which had arrived in unoccupied France from Chile.

The Free French newspaper published in London writes: "Frenchmen will realise, despite the efforts of the Vichy radio, that Admiral Darlan is playing the Germans' game. He is pushing collaboration with the Reich to as extreme limits as Laval would have done."

If Darlan is tied to Berlin, the French nation repudiates this outrageous attitude and remains faithful to the alliance with Britain, who is fighting for victory over the common enemy.—Reuter.

Vichy Denial

A communique denying that any materials other than food-stuffs were on board the convoy off Algiers, says the cargoes consisted of 15,000 tons of rice and sugar, being sent from Madagascar and Indo-China for Algeria and Marseilles for next month's rations, 1,500 tons of vegetables and seeds from Morocco for the non-occupied zone, and 7,000 tons of barley from Morocco intended for the native population of Algeria.—Reuter.

There was fair support of glit-edged which closed slightly higher though a trifle below the best on profit-taking. Demand for industrials broadened while home-rails and Kaifirs met with some demand. Greek and Japanese bonds were higher among foreign issues. Wall Street was quietly firm.—Reuter.

ANOTHER SHARP RAID ON TRIPOLI

Another heavy raid on Tripoli was made on Sunday, in continuance of the R.A.F. support of the army operations in Abyssinia and elsewhere. R.A.F. bombers on Sunday bombed and machine-gunned enemy positions. All our aircraft returned safely from these operations.—Reuter.

attacked by four ME 109's which dived on him simultaneously from all directions.

The Spitfire pilot evaded the first concerted attack, then put his nose down and went into a dive of such velocity that the transparent cover of the cockpit was torn away and the goggles whipped off his face.

Four thousand feet above the water he eased out of the dive and saw an ME 109, which had been following him down, hurtle past out of control and plunge straight on to hit the sea with a terrific splash.

A Spitfire pilot of the Fighter Command brought about the destruction of an enemy fighter yesterday morning without firing a single shot.

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AFRICA ANSWERS THE CALL

Great enthusiasm has been aroused among Africans in the all-British West African colonies, says Reuter's special correspondent, by the successes in Abyssinia and Eritrea.

Italy's original conquest of Abyssinia was greatly taken to heart by the peoples of West Africa, but the prospect of the restoration of Haile Selassie is now seen as convincing evidence of British sincerity in aiding the cause of freedom of the African peoples.

Indeed, a flight which I have just completed across Africa from Khartoum has been an eye-opener to the vigour with which both white and coloured populations are joining in the war effort.

French Collaboration

Three and a quarter million French citizens of French Equatorial Africa are co-operating most loyally with their energetic Governor-General, Eboue, who is of pure African descent, and who recently issued a plan of drastic reform of colonial administration in his territory, adding the assurance that "England, Belgium and their Empires will find in this undaunted portion of the French Empire the same determination as their own to destroy the enemy."

Close liaison with French Africa is being maintained by Sir Bernard Bourdillon, the Governor-General of Nigeria, who recently visited General de Larnat at Brazzaville and who also entertained General de Gaulle and other prominent Free French leaders at Lagos.

Nigeria's Effort

Nigeria's own war effort is considerable, her citizens having contributed over £100,000 voluntarily as donations to war fund while 418 Europeans and 16,000 Africans have joined the Nigerian forces, many members of which are at present serving in the East African campaign.

The Gold Coast similarly is doing its utmost and the capital, Accra, recently had its own "leaflet raid" when pamphlets fluttered down into the town inviting recruits to join the Gold Coast Regiment. The response was good.

Finally, the great harbour of Freeport is naturally playing a most important role in present circumstances.

Sierre Leone

The defences of Sierre Leone have already been overhauled completely under the inspiration of the young and vigorous Major-General Woolner, and men of a famous English county regiment are now comfortably housed in barracks where before stood only tropical vegetation.

Despite the reputation of West Africa being "the white man's grave" the British troops have, on the whole, been very fit, thanks largely to a ruthless drive made by Army experts against mosquitoes.

All three West African colonies now have energetic officers spreading information regarding the British cause among the Africans.

Lagos broadcasts now include news bulletins in "simple English," as spoken by the local inhabitants, and despite their lack of orthodoxy they have proved exceedingly popular and effective. - Reuter.

SPEEDBOATS FOR AIRMEN

The British-American Ambulance Corps has asked 760 American yacht clubs to buy fast motor-boats to rescue British airmen shot down over the English Channel.

Boats costing between £2,500 and £3,750 will be converted into hospital cruisers capable of carrying six or eight stretchers and accommodating, in an emergency, between thirty and forty people.

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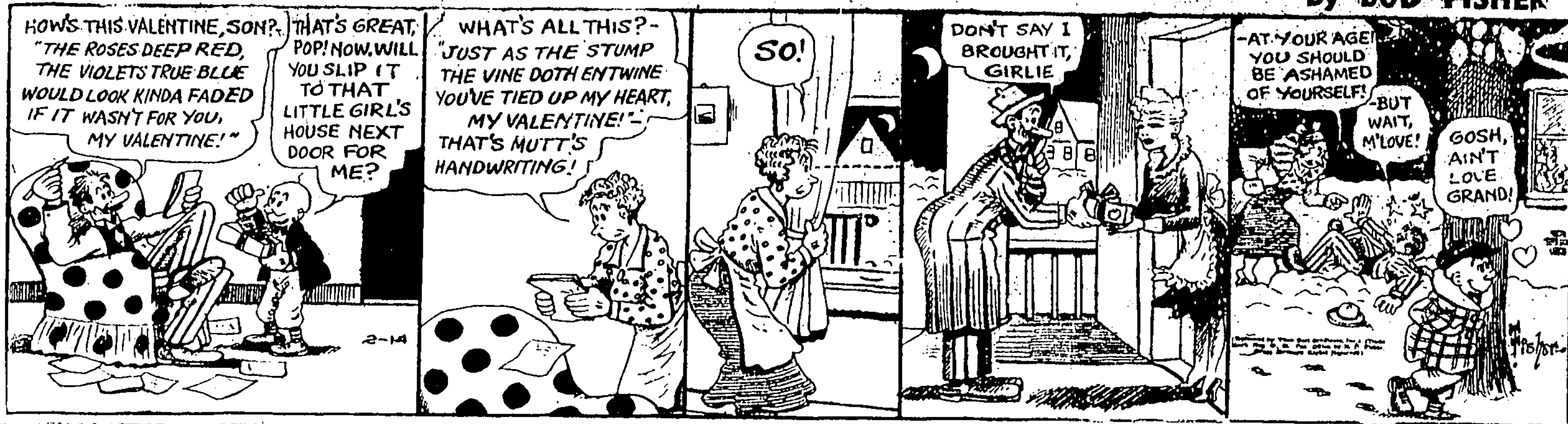
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MUTT AND JEFF



By BUD FISHER

HUBBY MUST BE SECOND

Husbands must take a back seat if we are to get on with the war effort, thinks a woman M.P.

"It is not a question of telling the women it is their duty to come out to the factory," Dr. Edith Summerskill, Labour M.P. for Fulham, W., told the House of Commons.

"You have also to tell the husband that the first loyalty of his wife in the near future is to the State, and secondly to himself."

Dr. Summerskill was speaking in the debate on Manpower and Production, and she uttered a warning to Mr. Ernest Bevin, Minister of Labour. She said:

"Unless he tells the women of the country — among them women who had never been in a factory or workshop before — what their wages and conditions of labour are to be, Mr. Bevin will be very seriously disappointed by the lack of response to his appeal to them to play their part in the war effort."

Equal Pay

She hoped that Mr. Bevin supported the principle of "equal pay for equal work."

"The Minister is going to introduce a measure which will cause as much social upheaval as evacuation" continued Dr. Summerskill.

"Women who had thought simply in terms of cooking, cleaning and looking after the house cannot be turned almost overnight into first-class industrial workers."

"I suggest that the Minister must take one step immediately, and that is to make the women of the country war-minded and the husbands of the country war-minded, and to make them realise the war will entail great sacrifices."

The question of compensation of women war workers should be considered and made clear by the Government.

The T.U.C. General Council considered Mr. Bevin's plans.

WINS "GEMS IN GRATE" CLAIM

An agreed sum of £460 and costs was awarded in the King's Bench Division under the insurance policy of a widow who forgot she had hidden her jewellery in the grate and lit the fire.

Mrs. Flora Harris, of Chartfield Avenue, Putney, sued Mr. Kenneth Gordon Polanda, Lloyd's underwriter, under a household comprehensive insurance policy.

Giving judgment, Mr. Justice Atkinson said Mrs. Harris hid her jewels, worth £500, and more than £100 in notes, in the least likely place a burglar would suspect, because she had had an attempted burglary.

In his judgment, the risks against which Mrs. Harris insured included the risk of her property coming unintentionally in contact with fire, and it mattered not whether that fire came to the property or the property came to the fire.

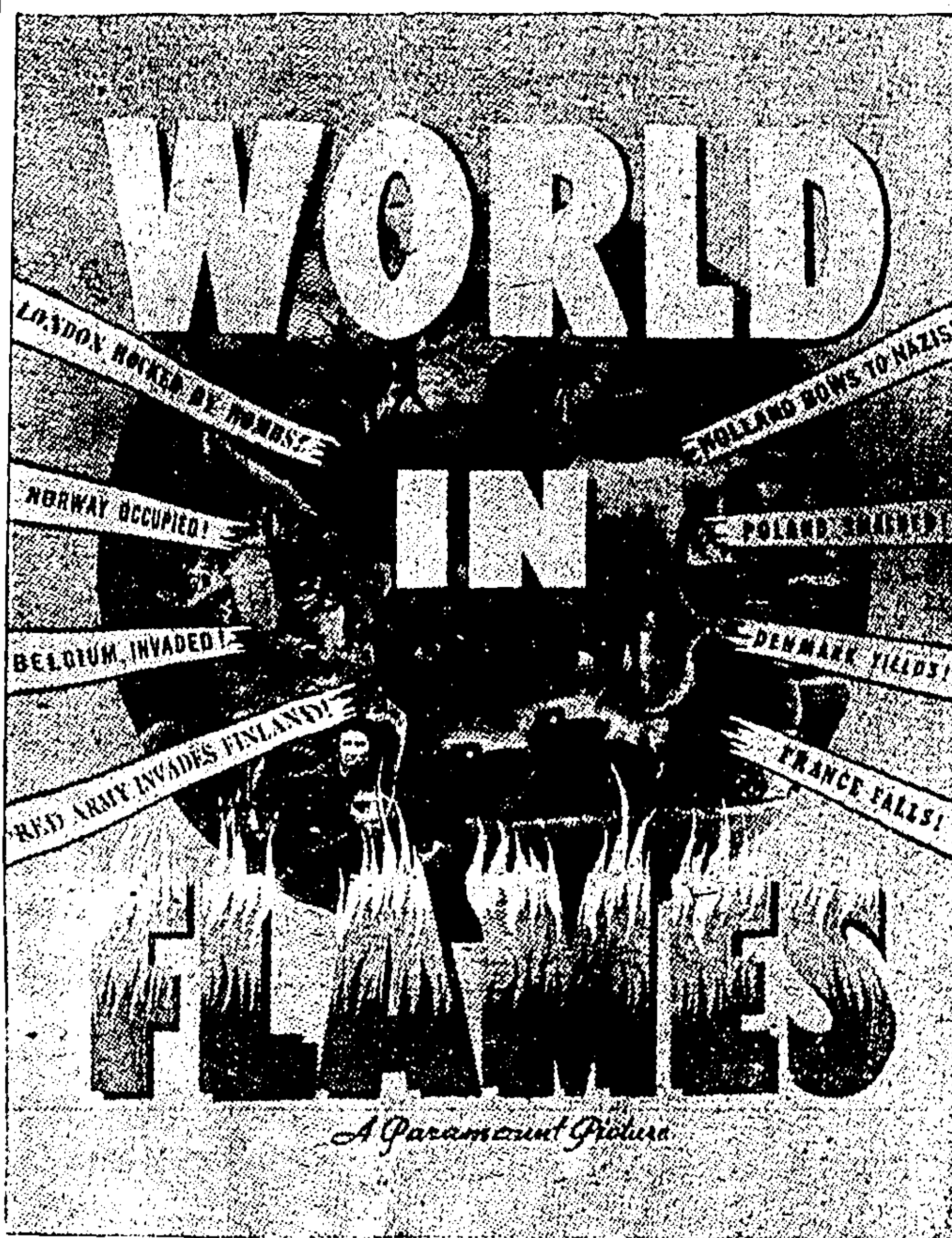
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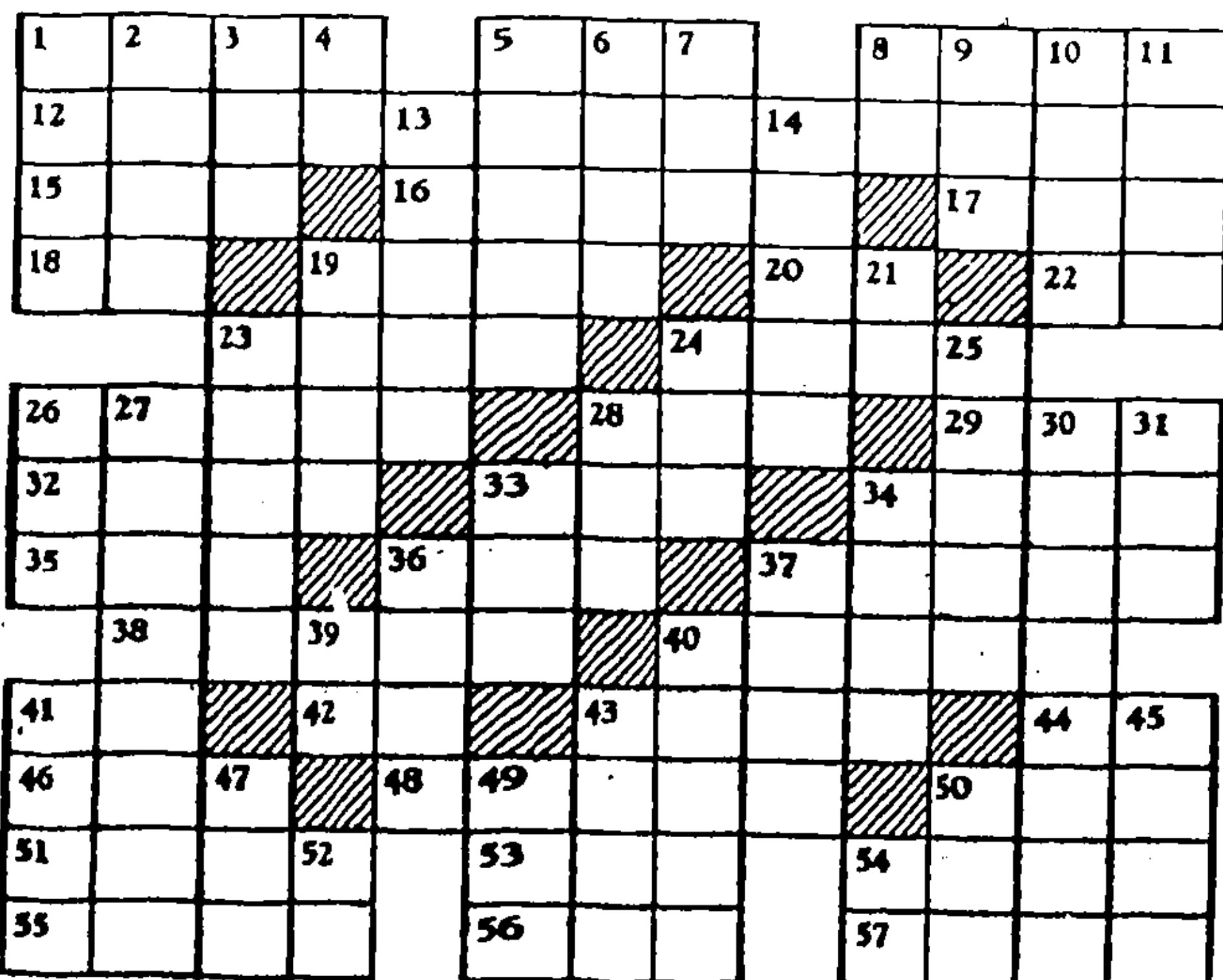
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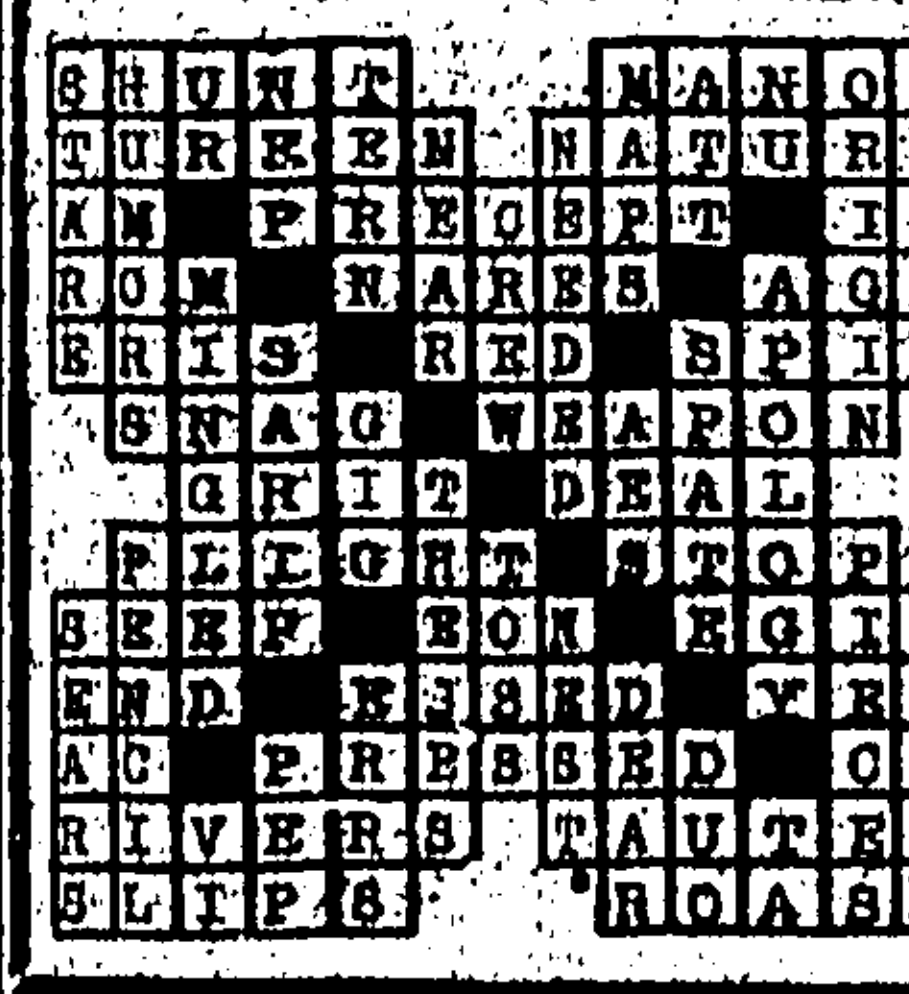
HORIZONTAL

- 1 Exclamation to attract attention
- 3 Large snake
- 8 Molten rock
- 12 Complete transformation
- 15 Man's name
- 16 Wrathful
- 17 Garden tool
- 18 To act
- 19 Dye plant
- 20 Thus
- 22 Note of scale
- 23 Epic poem
- 24 Scat
- 26 To accumulate
- 28 Turn right
- 29 Rodent
- 33 Fit of anger
- 34 The sun
- 35 Garment
- 36 First woman
- 38 To strike
- 39 Beverage made from apples
- 38 Mistake
- 40 To hide
- 41 Land measure
- 52 Exile
- 43 Withered
- 44 Concerning
- 46 Falsehood
- 49 To omit

VERTICAL

- 1 Among
- 2 Chief protagonist of a play
- 3 Greek letter
- 4 Colloquial: mother
- 5 Bulgarian ruler
- 6 Aloud
- 7 Likely
- 8 Behold!
- 9 Ember

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



10 Medieval stringed instrument

- 11 On the ocean
- 13 King of Crete
- 14 Former European republic
- 19 Part of a church
- 21 Proposition
- 23 Anxious
- 24 Elongated fish
- 25 To eat away
- 26 Part of "to be"
- 27 Unbranded calf
- 28 Obtained
- 30 Wandering
- 31 Music: three
- 32 Title of respect
- 34 To split
- 36 Flexible tube
- 37 Centre
- 39 Japanese measure
- 40 Tree of the pine family
- 41 Cry of regret
- 43 Trigonometrical ratio
- 45 Great Lake
- 47 Silkworm
- 48 To drink
- 50 Male
- 52 Printer's measure
- 54 Sun god



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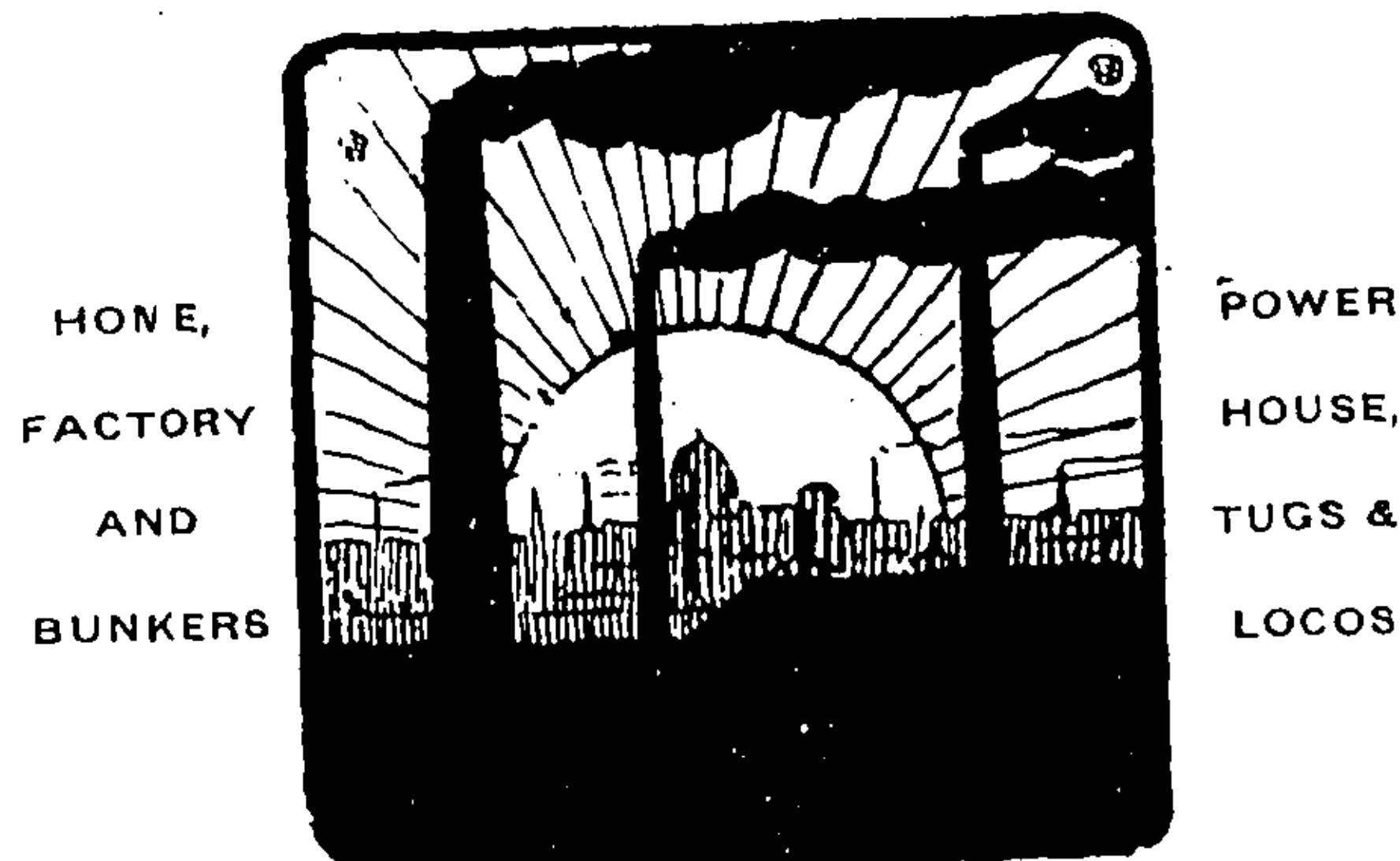
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BECAME NATIVE TO ARRANGE A REBELLION

(By A Special Correspondent)

FOR FOUR YEARS "Lawrence of Abyssinia," the mysterious new force behind the Ethiopian revolt against the Italians, has lived the life of a tribesman, eating raw meat and joining in their folk-songs round the camp fire.

Who is he? What is he like, this man who has risen on the war horizon like a brilliant comet? If anybody knows, he is not prepared to tell.

It can be said, however, that "Lawrence of Abyssinia" is not a mere adventurer.

He had been training himself for this role for the last five years.

He was the first man to greet the Emperor when he came to Addis Ababa to take refuge.

He revealed his intention to the Negus, and readily agreed to be initiated into the mysteries of the Amharic language.

He is the only white man who can read, write and speak this ancient language like the natives of Ethiopia.

Secret Radio Built

Under the able guidance of the Emperor he mastered the language quickly and then set out for Abyssinia.

With British thoroughness this "Lawrence" decided to turn the tables on the Italians, who had distributed thousands of radio sets to their newly conquered peoples to tell them "the blessings of the Duce's rule."

With the help of "Lawrence," a faithful follower of the Emperor built a secret transmitting station from which daily bulletins of the Emperor's work in Britain were broadcast.

At first the Italians ignored the station, but later they tried to take back the sets. But by the time the authorities came to collect them complaints were lodged by the native owners of the sets that they had been stolen!

"CLOUD" WAR NOW

Germany has special "cloud troops," equipped with cloud-throwing apparatus, according to a speaker on the German radio.

The speaker, who was anonymous, gave an address on cloud warfare, and revealed one of the methods the Germans might employ in an invasion attempt.

"Germany's cloud units," he said, "are fully motorised. They shell the enemy with their cloud shells, and the enemy cannot see the Germans, but has to fight in darkness. He becomes helpless and depressed. He can't see anything."

Moment For Advance

"The cloud shells force him to take shelter," the speaker added, "and this is the moment for the infantry or tanks to advance. Then the cloud shelling stops and hand-to-hand fighting begins."

"The artificial cloud," he said, "is not detrimental to health, but soldiers serving with the units must be good infantrymen and have a knowledge of weather conditions."

The broadcaster said it was proved in the blitzkrieg in France that cloud troops were of great importance for a successful offensive.

NEW FINDS AT POMPEII

During excavations at Pompeii the skeletons of eighty-five people, killed while fleeing from Vesuvius, have been found.

Near by was a case of oculist's instruments.—Reuter.

LOVE BLEW UP HIS LIFE

For over twenty years, not even a breath of scandal had touched the reputation of a quiet, sedate schoolmaster.

Then he fell in love with a fifteen-year-old schoolgirl. Scandal burst on him at the age of forty-eight.

So he blew himself up in his own school. He was found dead among the wreckage. The master was William Lounsbury, of West New York, New Jersey.

Only the day before Lounsbury was freed on bail after being charged with having an illicit relationship with a blonde pupil whose name is being kept a secret.

He became infatuated when he saw the girl in a classroom. He showered her with money and gifts. He followed her everywhere. Soon she started to appear in school in expensive clothes and decked with jewelry.

Lounsbury must have gone back to the school after classes were over for the day.

Detectives believe that he turned on the gas taps of twenty-two ranges in the cookery classroom, let the gas escape all night, and then ignited it.

Early in the morning the terrific explosion woke West New York people. They ran to find the high school in ruins.

William Lounsbury's body was found among the rubble.

BEQUEST OF SIX COWS

A bequest of six cows is made in the will of Mr. John Harwood Cash, of Farnfield, near Mansfield, Notts, cotton doubler, who died aged seventy-seven years, leaving £119,989 gross.

He left the cows to his farm manager, Charles W. Reynolds.

R.A.F. MAN WAS BOMBED BY HIS COMRADES

An R.A.F. leading aircraftman who lost his way and was captured by the Italians while examining advanced listening posts was freed when Tobruk fell.

On the night of his capture an R.A.F. bomber carried out a raid on Tobruk. The airman and his guard were huddled in a deep dug-out.

The airman's description of the raid was: "All round me were deafened men. The explosions were terrific. I counted twenty-two of us with bleeding noses from concussion."

JUDGE REBUKES BANNED GIRL

After Phyllis Tracey, variety artist, of Wentworth Court, Surbiton, stated at Kingston County Court that she billed herself as "the girl the Lord Chamberlain banned," Judge Hancock ordered her to sit in court "until he was ready to let her go."

She was released after fifteen minutes. (Mrs. Tracey is a well-known strip tease and fan dancer. Her professional name is Phyllis Dixey.)

Good Publicity

The Judge warned her that when she appeared in a court of law she must treat the Court with respect.

Mrs. Tracey and her husband, Mr. Jack Tracey, applied for permission to discharge a debt due to booking agents at the rate of £4 a month. They were ordered to pay £20 a month.

Questioned by Mr. J. P. Williams, solicitor for the agents, Mrs. Tracey said she had been publicised as "the girl the Lord Chamberlain banned." She had found it good publicity.

OFFICERS' PAY TO STAND

The financial position of other members of the community does not support grounds at present for an increase of officers' pay and uniform allowances, the War Minister said in the Commons.

U.S. INCREASING NAVAL EXPERTS IN FAR EAST

RELIABLE QUARTERS in Batavia said that the United States is quietly increasing its staff of naval experts in the Far East and the southern Pacific area although they persisted in their denials that any concrete defence agreement has been concluded between America, Britain, Australia and the Dutch East Indies.

The informants said two U. S. naval officials each have been assigned to Singapore, Darwin, Sydney, Auckland and other points. These are in addition to the U. S. naval officers assigned under routine orders to the legations in Australia and Thailand (Siam). The naval "observers" have been officially described as not members of the American and diplomatic consular offices in the Far East and south Pacific.

The arrival of American warships in Australian waters on what was announced as a "training" and "recreation" cruise was considered significant at this time.

Reports, unconfirmed by official quarters, reiterated that Singapore will be available to the United States fleet if Japan moves south-

ward. At the present time, it is said, there is only a bare skeleton British naval squadron stationed at the great naval base on the tip of the Malaya peninsula although Australian air forces there have been steadily increasing in recent months.

There is a somewhat similar situation in the Dutch East Indies. The Dutch colonial navy lacks capital ships and depends mainly upon submarines and speedy torpedo boats.

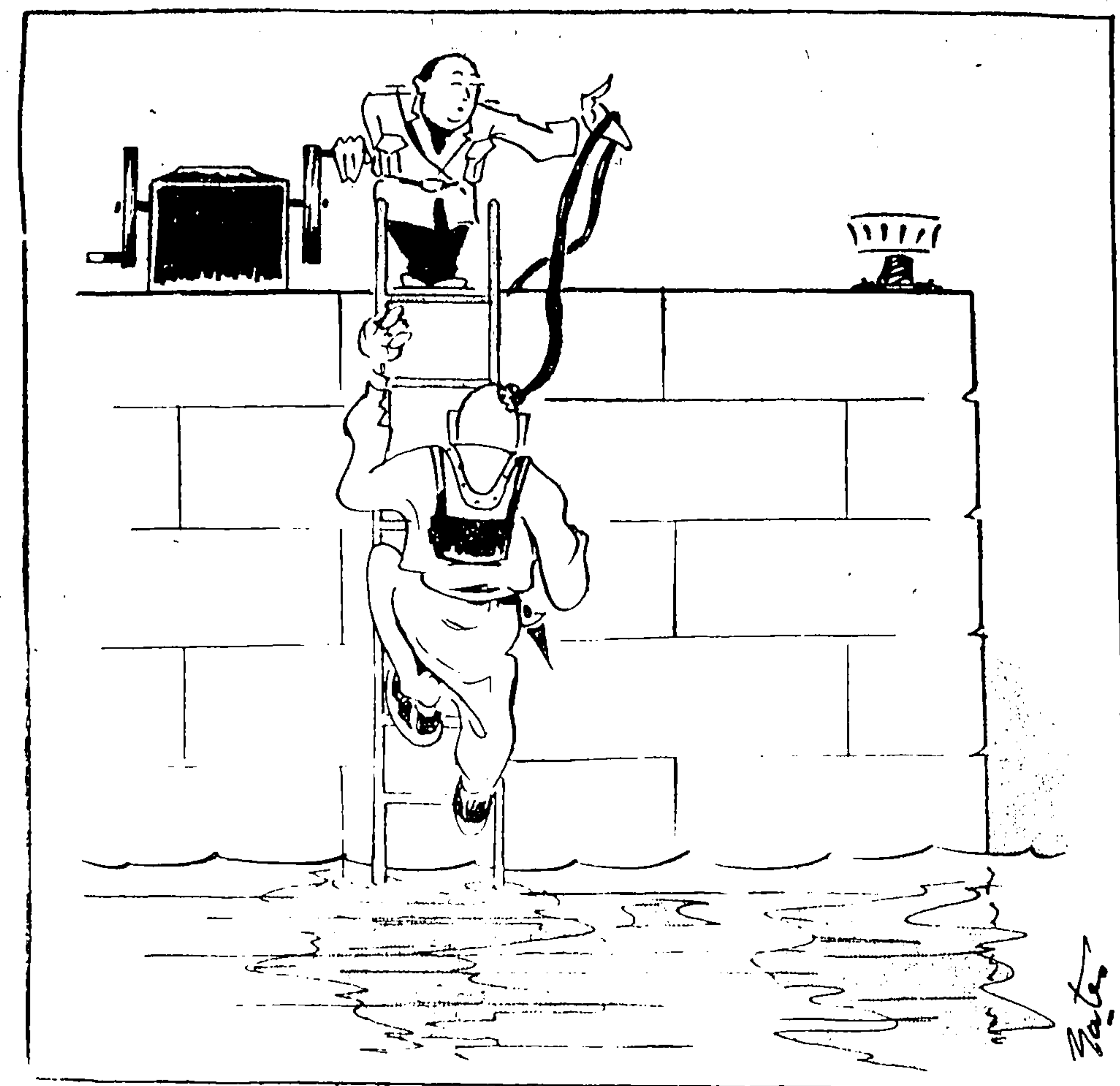
In view of all these developments, official and otherwise, it is considered certain that the United States fleet will undertake "heavy work" if Japan moves the main body of her capital ships against either Singapore or the East Indies.

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WORDS-OF-ALL- WORK

A large father lately had cause to say to a small daughter, "You're not the only pebble on the beach." On the instant she replied, "Well, you're not the only balloon in the barrage." This is a repartee pleasing in itself and calculated to prick any bubble of portentousness in parents. It is also evidence that our language is no dead, static thing, but is constantly being enriched by new and vivid terms of speech, derived from the events of the moment. War-time is especially prolific, and it is, as a rule, the language of the enemy which provides the greater wealth. Presumably the poor foreigner's words strike our insular minds as absurd. When Robert Louis Stevenson went wandering with his ill-fated donkey, he spoke some words of English to the ladies of Monastier. Each one caused an explosion of laughter, but that over which they could least contain themselves was "bread." They "all got it carefully by heart," we are told, "as a standby for winter evenings." Try it as we will it appears to us a word plain and simple to the point of dullness and so, for all we know, does "strafe" to the German mind. Yet in the last War "strafe" was not merely a perennial joy but a term of almost universal application, from a full-dress battle to a reproof by a commanding officer. To-day it is as dead as a door-nail, and "blitz" reigns in its stead.

Dirk Hatteraick was fond of the word; it was part of the odd, miscellaneous tongue his creator invented for him, but he used it merely as an expletive. Perhaps when "Guy Mannering" was young, small boys, playing at smugglers, may have delightedly whispered it but, if so, it had expired long since. To-day it can signify all that "strafe" did and more also. Leaving on one side its straightforward meaning, all elder persons may be sure that, should they betray impatience, it will be noised among their subordinates that the old man blitzed or was in an awful blitz about it. The future compilers of dictionaries, seeking for the little explanatory sentences they love, may light with a puzzled pleasure on a remark broadcast by Dr. Thomas Wood, when conducting some sessions. He protested



MUSSOLINI OFF TO REVIEW HIS FLEET

France Under German Control

By
E. B. Wareing

Hitler has so far failed to answer the question from Marshal Petain, received on Christmas Day, in which the Marshal clearly intimated that French integrity and a soldier's honour imposed certain definite limits to collaboration with Germany. He drew a line at any action calculated to give military assistance to France's former enemy.

He indicated that the Armistice was represented for him as a maximum, and not merely a starting point for fresh German demands.

He professed himself willing to collaborate still further in the economic sphere.

It is, however, difficult to see how he can do this, for Germany has already established complete economic domination over France. Not only are booty and material seized in State factories and arsenals, sent to Germany as part of the Armistice conditions, but private firms are being compelled

against the gross error of 'Hearts of oak are our ships' (in place of 'Heart of oak') and then added that if anyone should say the dreadful thing, "Out into the blitz with him." What exactly did he mean by that admirable and vigorous phrase? The dictionary-makers may dispute forever, and agree only on this — that he meant something thoroughly unpleasant.

At present this word-of-all-work enjoys an oral triumph. It would hardly be admitted even into that familiar style of writing which Hazlitt contrasted unfavourably with the easy one. Time only can show whether it will sink into disrepute or attain a recognised position.

to sell their products against worthless money. The Germans have taken a census of production and have noted every detail of every French business. The banks are completely under German control, business concerns are being bought up by the Germans, and all are linked with the German Ministry of Economics. Hitler, therefore, must feel indifferent to any suggestion for increased economic collaboration since what he needs he can, and does, take—whether in the occupied or unoccupied zone.

In the political sphere the Vichy government continues to walk the tight-rope between democracy and totalitarianism, but its deepest totals are reserved for the totalitarian side. They have been disregarded and in the semi-official warning just given Vichy is clearly told to "collaborate" or face the consequences.

This warning may mean that Hitler will not answer the Petain letter, but after waiting a little longer, will act.

Meanwhile M. Alibert, Minister of Justice, has been jettisoned, probably because the Germans suspected him of being responsible for Laval's downfall. M. Belin has resigned from the Ministry of Labour, presumably because he was unable to discipline the unemployed and hungry masses to the extent which Germany and Italy would have wished to see.

A curious piece of Fascist-inspired legislation is a decree introducing retroactive responsibility for ten years for ministers and other high State officials.

This will make it possible to simplify and expedite the Riom trials, which no one has taken seriously hitherto, should the Germans demand political victims. A bow to democracy may be seen in the constitution of a new National Council of 188 members. This is described by the "Journal Officiel" as a provisional body which will disappear as soon as France has received a new Constitution. It has no legislative power and is solely advisory.

Marshal Petain's intention appears to be to use this body to test public opinion before introducing important departures from the present legislation.

He has consulted M. Jeanneney, President of the Senate, and M. Herriot, President of the Chamber, and has appointed many members of the Council from the ranks of former politicians who are, of course, still in touch with their old constituencies. Among them are M. Jean Fabry, Senator and ex-Minister of War, M. Chichery, former President of the Radical-Socialist Party, M. Jean Mistler, former President of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Chamber, M. George Bonnet, MM. Eugene Frot, Lamoureux and Jacques Doriot, Colonel de la Rocque (arrested recently by the Germans "by mistake" and released) and numerous others. Altogether there are 27 former Senators and 44 former Deputies. On the non-political side there are over a hundred representatives of various interests — 17 industrialists, 21 professional men, 16 workmen, 7 craftsmen and various others, who include Cardinal Suhard, Archbishop of Paris.

The appointment of a prelate on an official body is a new departure. Members of the Council are paid the same salary as that of a Councillor of State. One qualification for selection by the Marshal is parenthood and most of the members have more than four children.

Though the French press concealed the fact that President Roosevelt spoke of "Liberty, Equality and Fraternity" in his New Year message to Marshal Petain, the "Temps" publishes a semi-official statement to put this right. France will not reject this motto, it wrote, but it also accepts the Marshal's device "Order, Family and Work." The "Temps" goes on to say that the French "National Revolution" is animated by a spirit entirely different from that of the German and Italian revolutions; it does not exclude liberty though it limits individualism.

The Press censorship has been lifted in favour of certain foreign correspondents, but not for material published in France, and all wireless programmes in French, except those directly or indirectly under German or Italian control, are regularly jammed.

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SUPERB TACT FROM MR. MATSUOKA VERY NECESSARY

LONDON OBSERVERS CONSIDER THAT MR. MATSUOKA WILL REQUIRE ALL THE SUPERB TACT FOR WHICH HIS COUNTRYMEN ARE NOTED TO CONDOLE WITH SIGNOR MUSSOLINI ON THE CRUSHING DEFEAT INFLECTED ON THE ITALIAN FLEET BY THE ROYAL NAVY.

It is even suggested by one or two commentators that Japan's partners in the Tripartite Pact might have shown greater consideration for Mr. Matsuoka's feelings in the timing of his visits to their two capitals.

He arrived in Berlin just in time to witness the overthrow of one of the more torbous of the Nazis' Balkan intrigues by an irresistible revolt of democratic national sentiment, and he must continue his conversations at Rome while the world waits for the final collapse of Fascist resistance in East Africa.

Something of the impression created on the outside world by the astonishing naval engagement of Friday and Saturday is reflected in the words of the New York "Herald-Tribune":

"Admiral Cunningham's artillery has written a thunderous climax to a month already so filled with reverberating successes for the Democratic cause that it is difficult to realise their full scope and effect until one pauses to recapitulate them."

Ides Of March

And March, it must be remembered, has always been Hitler's month. This March has been different.

Mr. Matsuoka is no doubt being supplied with many excuses and explanations of this turn of events but as he moves from the occasional embarrassments of Hitler to the dire straits of Mussolini so shrewd an observer is not likely to miss the lesson that enlisting with the Nazis and fighting their battles has proved an expensive gamble for the man who set up to be a successor to the Caesars—British Wireless.

SHE WOULD NOT EAT ALLIGATOR

Meat rationing shouldn't worry Mr. John Eggler. He's the man who has sampled everything from alligator's tail for breakfast to python-steak for supper.

Mr. Eggler is chef to the London Zoo. Animals sentenced to death but proclaimed healthy are often turned into tasty dishes by him and they are sampled at dinners held for Fellows of the Zoological Society.

Recently bear-steak was served at a luncheon party. Mr. Eggler always tells his diners what to expect to eat. "Bear-steak went down well," he said at Whipsnade. The Zoo dentist said: "It was the nicest bit of steak I have ever tasted. Sweeter and more tender than the usual."

Once Mr. Eggler took a slice of alligator home with him. "But my wife wouldn't touch it," he said.

"I don't know why because it tasted good." He has also cooked monkey. "Nothing on 'em though," he said. And emu. He wasn't keen on emu.

Python, he said, tastes like beef. It is a little sweeter.

INQUIRY RENEWED

Fresh allegations of incivility were made against Mr. R. A. D. Forrest, this morning in the Puisne Judge's Court where the Commission of Inquiry resumed its public sittings, and heard the evidence of Mr. J. M. da Rocha, Honorary Consul for Costa Rica in Hong Kong.

First part of the proceedings were in camera in which Mr. W. R. Scott, of the Special Branch, gave evidence.

Mr. Rocha stated in part:

On January 8, 1941, I wrote to the Immigration Officer submitting 5 entry permits under my guarantee.

On January 20, I presented the Official Receipt of 5 entry permits but after an hour's waiting at the office, I was told that my covering letter with 5 applications could not be traced, whereupon I sent in my consul's visit card to Mr. Forrest who asked me whether I am consul "au carriere" to which I replied that I am the honorary consul for Costa Rica.

After a short investigation, he said that in view of my application having been lost I have to make a renewal with duplicate photos and to cancel his official receipt, besides to hand personally all future applications to him. I resubmitted a few days later but learned a fortnight later that the 5 originals were found in the office and I was asked my intention in regard to them:

On February 8, 1941, I applied personally for a visa for my wife's passport as a Consul's wife accompanied by a Chinese nurse with the object of visiting Kulangsu on M/V. "Greener" sailing 22nd February, in order to care for Mr. Michael Duffy (an American nephew by marriage) who was in a dying condition at Amoy hospital. I followed Mr. M. W. Lo into Mr. Forrest's office, and in his presence Mr. Forrest without enquiring the purport of my visit, told me very roughly to get out and to see the Chinese clerk.

Insisted On Proof

Under the circumstances I handed my application to the chief clerk, and although I informed him that my case was urgent, he insisted upon proof to which I complied by showing Mr. Cairn's letter to my wife.

After reading it he wrote a memo to the General Agent at 3a Wyndham Street, for prompt attention, marking "urgent." I was asked there to pay \$1, for service and \$2, for the Govern-

IDENTITY TAGS FOR U.S. ARMY

Four and a half million tags are being printed for the American Army to identify men killed or wounded in battle.

The tags are of cloth, to be pinned on the breasts of the dead or wounded. In spaces on the tag would be written the victim's name, death, cause or nature of wounds.

The order for the tags has caused a sensation. Army officials say it is simply in line with the American policy of being prepared for anything.

CHAINED BOYS LASHED IN ICY DUNGEON

Children in a reformatory school at Denver, Colorado, were chained naked in an icy dungeon and lashed with a padded leather strap and cat-o'-nine-tails.

Some were made to wear a ball and chain, and others were kept in solitary confinement in leg-irons.

These horrors were revealed at an inquiry when the authorities recommended the dismissal of thirty-five school officials.

"As bad as a Nazi concentration camp," was a common comment among Denver residents on learning the facts. Angry men threatened to beat up the school staff.

The dungeon torture chamber was in almost complete darkness when the doors were closed. Investigator Carl Morse said boys were black and blue from neck to thighs from beatings. "I saw as many as twelve stripes two inches wide down their backs," he said.

Colonel Raymond Combs, stocky, red-haired principal, stuttered excuses as investigators fired questions at him: "Boys were strapped for disregarding orders," he said.

ment fee under the understanding that I would get the permit the next day.

On 19th February, I called there for the entry permit but was told that I could not get it before 7 days.

I rushed to the chief clerk at Immigration Office and requested immediate attention in view of the admitted urgency.

In the afternoon I had to pay \$2, again for fee in spite of my production of receipt from the General Agent.

After waiting well over an hour, the entry permit-book was thrown at me. Upon application at the General Agent I received back the \$2, but could not recover \$1, although no service was rendered me in connection therewith.

In conclusion, I consider that Mr. Forrest disregarded my Exequatur as the Honorary Consul for Costa Rica in Hong Kong.

LUXURY TRADE CUT BLOW TO BLEACH-BLONDE

(By A Special Correspondent)

GENTLEMEN WHO prefer blondes are going to be disappointed. Thousands of women whose golden tresses depend for their glory on the skill of the chemist and the care of the hairdresser are being "black-out."

The Government's restrictive quota on luxury articles is responsible for many of Britain's women deciding to allow their hair to return to its natural colour.

Worst affected are the small hairdressers throughout the country. Many of them are having to ration bleaching for their clients and some are unable to carry on at all.

Even the biggest stores, who had the foresight and capital to set in a store of the "bees' knees" are becoming a little worried about what will happen when their supplies are exhausted and they are faced with a 25 per cent cut in goods.

Big Stores "Lucky"

In all the big cities hairdressers are finding the same trouble.

Miss Norah Blackman, a Manchester hairdresser, told me: "I am working on my last drop of bleach at the moment and I don't know when I shall get any more. I don't know what my clients will do when the supply gives out. A number have decided to return to their natural colour."

At a large London store it was stated that they had taken the precaution of getting in a store of commodities before the quota came into force.

"But when these have gone, we shall feel the pinch. However, compared with the smaller shops, we are lucky."

Back To Shingle?

A leading northern hairdresser told me:

"Hardest hit will be the small one-room hairdresser who has been taught only the mechanics of the trade and is unable to provide Ersatz bleaches or dyes to replace the well-known proprietary brands."

Hairdressers are forecasting a revolution in styles because of the shortage of hairpins. They believe that women will return to the shingle and the plain bob and fringe.

Another shortage will affect painted nails. It is of amylacetate, which is now being used on more important work in the plate industry.

Anyhow, women on war work are dispensing with this sort of luxury.

SHOULD GO COURTING AT HOME

COURTING FACILITIES SHOULD BE AVAILABLE IN EVERY HOME WHERE THERE ARE GROWN-UP SONS AND DAUGHTERS, DECLARES THE REV. W. J. ROBSON, METHODIST MINISTER OF UPPERBY, A SUBURB OF CARLISLE.

"When I was courting there was always a sitting room available," he says.

He finds that young people nowadays can meet only out of doors.

For comfort they have to go into a public house, and as a temperance advocate the minister deprecates this.

He told a Good Templars meeting at Carlisle that on a recent visit to Darlington he went into a public house with a friend.

"The place was delightfully furnished with armchairs and settees," he said, "and 75 per cent. of the folk there were under twenty-five years of age. They were all young courting couples apart from my friend and myself."

Mr. Robson considers that parents have a grave responsibility in this matter. "A girl ought not to have to trawl the streets and go into any old place to do her courting," he says.

GIRL IS MURDER PLOTTER

A princess with a University degree is one of the ten members of the "Committee of Death," ring-leaders of the terrorist movement in Rumania.

Antonescu, Rumanian dictator, is trying to stamp out the movement, which has put exiled Carol's banker, ex-Premier Tatarescu, and several writers on its death list.

Its latest attempt to wipe out the whole of its list was foiled only at the last moment. Antonescu rushed an infantry regiment to the spot.

The terrorists, whose chiefs meet every week, base their minor savageries on the work of the Gestapo.

After arresting sixteen of them the police searched one of their hide-outs and found typed letters ready for signature by Jewish prisoners.

Shaved Girls' Heads

The letters testified that the writers had been well-treated, but had had to commit suicide because they had been involved with a woman.

Gangsters raided a dance hall in the Lipsican district of Bucharest, maltreated Jewesses and shaved half their heads.

Determined to get weapons to complete their death plan in face of Antonescu's drastic measures, the terrorists tried to raid an automatic rifle factory at Tohani, near Brasov.

Again they were foiled only at the eleventh hour by Antonescu and the army.

Meanwhile, recent arrivals in Belgrade from Rumania stress that under the superficial calm the country is still in a state of muddled misery and anger.

Typhus, brought from Poland, is the latest tragic accident to befall Rumania, where food shortage has already caused minor riots in Bucharest market.

SIR PATRICK DUFF'S NEW POST

In connection with the appointment of Mr. Malcolm Macdonald as High Commissioner in Canada, it has been decided to establish temporarily at Ottawa the new post of Deputy High Commissioner Sir Patrick Duff, Secretary to the Ministry of Works and Buildings, being selected.

The Director of Imperial Chemical Industries has been selected to fill the new post of Financial Adviser to the High Commissioner.—British Wireless.

HEAVY R.A.F. RAID IN THE DODECANESE

AN R.A.F. MIDDLE EAST COMMUNIQUE STATES: "IN ABYSSINIA ON SUNDAY, IN SUPPORT OF ARMY OPERATIONS, R.A.F. BOMBER AIRCRAFT BOMBED AND MACHINE-GUNNED LARGE CONCENTRATIONS OF ENEMY MOTOR TRANSPORT IN THE DESIE AND ALOMATA AREAS. MANY VEHICLES WERE SET ON FIRE BY THE ATTACK."

Enemy aircraft attempted to raid the aerodrome at Jijiga. Two CR42's were shot down.

Albania R.A.F. bombers made a successful attack on military objectives at Elbasan. Direct hits were observed on buildings in the town and fires started. Enemy fighters attempted to intercept but broke off the engagement when damaged.

Dodecanese Islands the harbour at Astropalia was also raided by a formation of bombers and bombs dropped among shipping.

Tripolitania—during the night of March 29/30 another heavy raid was made on the harbour at Tripoli. Bombs were dropped on docks, the main quay and petrol installations.

Malta during the night of 29/30 and again on Sunday enemy aircraft attempted to raid the island of Malta. There were no casualties.

From all the above operations all our aircraft returned safely.—British Wireless.

ITALIAN PRISONERS TO RECLAIM LAND?

(By A Special Correspondent)

ITALIAN PRISONERS of war may be brought to Britain and set to work to reclaim thousands of acres of idle land in Britain for food production. The Government have sounded the Trades Union Congress on the matter and they have agreed.

"Recently the Government suggested to us that Italian prisoners of war might be used for land drainage work on a big scale," an official of the T.U.C. told a reporter. "The T.U.C. have raised no objection."

"There has been no suggestion that prisoners should be used on farm work itself, but purely on work of land reclamation."

"There are large tracts of land in the country which, because of drainage difficulties, have not been available for cultivation. These could be prepared if extensive schemes of drainage were put into operation."

The ultimate effect in increasing our food supplies would be enormous. It has long been acknowledged that many thousands of acres of land in this country could be put to useful purpose growing food for the nation.

Schemes for land reclamation have several times been put forward, principally as a solution to the unemployment problem.

5,000-Acre Scheme

A scheme to drain 5,000 acres in Lincolnshire has been sponsored by the Government. Giant excavators have already reclaimed for cultivation hundreds of acres of land which had been sodden and idle.

Production in one area alone had been increased four-fold. No big reclamation schemes have been carried out in Lincolnshire since the last war, when German prisoners helped to clear thousands of acres. They also cleaned the course of the River Ancholme and made it navigable. The present scheme is being carried out by Lindsey County Council.

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DODWELL & CO. LTD., General Managers.
24th March, 1941.

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BRIDGE NOTES

Fine Defence

By The Four Aces

When defending against a first-class player, you must give him credit for being able to make the right play, and must therefore plan your defence with that in mind. For example:

North Dealer
Both sides vulnerable
♠ K J
♥ K 5 2
♦ A K 10 7 3
♣ 10 7 2
South
♠ A 2
♥ A 7 6 4
♦ 9 6 2
♣ 9 8 4 3
W N E S
♠ 7 6 5 3
♥ Q J 9 8 3
♦ 8 4
♣ Q 6
♠ Q 10 9 8 4
♥ 10
♦ Q J 5
♣ A K J 5

The bidding:
North East South West
1♠ Pass 1♠ Pass
1NT Pass 3♠ Pass
3♠ Pass 4♠ Pass

West opened the Queen of hearts, dummy played the King, and East won with the heart Ace.

South ruffed the second round of hearts and led a low trump, playing dummy's King. It was at this point that East had to give South credit for knowing what was what.

If East took the first trump trick and returned a third round of hearts, South would undoubtedly discard a club or a diamond (whichever he could best spare) rather than ruff again. And then dummy would be void of hearts and would still have a trump to take care of a fourth heart lead. So East would be unable to make South ruff another heart, and South would therefore make his contract.

Having made this analysis, East refused to win the first round of trumps. The Jack of spades was then led from the dummy, and this time East could gladly take the trick. For when he led a third round of heart it did South no good to discard a club instead of ruffing. There were no trumps in the dummy, so if South failed to ruff the third round of hearts, the defenders could lead hearts until he did ruff. The second ruff reduced South to the point where he had fewer trumps than West, and resulted in a two-trick set.

Yesterday you were Merwin Maier's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ K J 9 7 3
♥ Q 10 4 2
♦ 5
♣ A J 3

The bidding:
Maier Jacoby You Schenken
1♥ Pass 1♠ Pass
2♠ Pass (?)

ANSWER: Bid four hearts. With your fine hand you want to make sure of getting to a game contract. This bid gets you there and shows your fine heart support without entirely preventing your partner from taking you back to spades.

Score 100% for four hearts, 70% for four spades, 60% for three hearts, 50% for three spades.

Question No. 679

To-day you are Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ 7 5 3
♥ K 4 2
♦ K 8 6
♣ A 10 5 2

The bidding:
Schenken Jacoby You Maier
1♥ Pass 1♠ Pass
What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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LAND GIRLS WONDERFUL ---FARMERS

Suffolk, the women farm-workers' country—there is a big demand there for feminine labour in agriculture — is angry with Farmer David Jenkins, of St Athan, Glamorgan.

Farmer Jenkins contends that it takes three land girls to do the work of one man, and he complained that they were also more expensive.

Suffolk farmers who are employing many land girls and find them very capable, say that Farmer Jenkins is "talking through his hat."

"I can definitely say that it does not take three girls to do the work of one man," Mrs. Lindsley Scott, West Suffolk county secretary of the Women's Land Army, said.

"It might be true to say that for general farm work, especially the heavier work, three girls take the place of two men, but in many cases in this district one girl is completely replacing one man."

He Wants More

Mr. George Gittus, of Barrow, Suffolk, who employs four land girls and has applied for more, said:

"My four are really working wonderfully. They are quick, and soon learn the job. "One is looking after the pigs and another is in charge of the poultry. One is with horses and one is doing general work. I am thoroughly satisfied and grateful to the Women's Land Army. "Farmer Jenkins should give the girls a chance," said one land girl.

THEY DEAL ON THE NAIL AGAIN

The war and the black-out have sent Bristol corn merchants back to the old custom of dealing "on the nail" in front of their exchange.

Leaving their wooden desks they cluster round one of the three famous nails made of solid bronze, but looking like an ancient stone fountain, which has stood in the main street since 1594.

As the merchants bend their heads close together to test the colour of the seed—which must be done by "natural light"—their tribly hats strike an incongruous note above another bronze nail which bears the inscription: "Thomas Hobson of Bristol, made me. Nicolas Crisp, of London, gave me to this honourable city in remembrance of God's mercy in 1625."

Neither Thomas Hobson nor Nicolas Crisp could ever have dreamed that a war so many years after their deaths would result in their "nail" coming into use again while some of the principal commercial buildings of their "honourable city" lay in ruins nearby.

But the inscription they put round the nail's flat top was as true of their ancestors bargaining on the pavement as it is of themselves, for it reads:—

"Praise the Lord, oh my soule, and forget not all His benefits. He saved my life from destruction and to His mercy and loving kindness praise."

And the modern generation passing by in the street learn—many of them for the first time—why they often use the phrase "pay on the nail."

NOVELIST'S 8,000,000 SALE

John Oxenham, novelist, has died at his home at High Salvington, near Worthing, Sussex, aged over eighty.

His real name was W. A. Dunkerley. He became a popular writer during the last war. His "Hymn for the Men at the Front" sold 8,000,000 copies.



DiETING Dot wants to know why if starch is supposed to stiffen a thing she's so soft.

TROOPS, OFF DUTY, TO FIGHT FIRE-BOMBS

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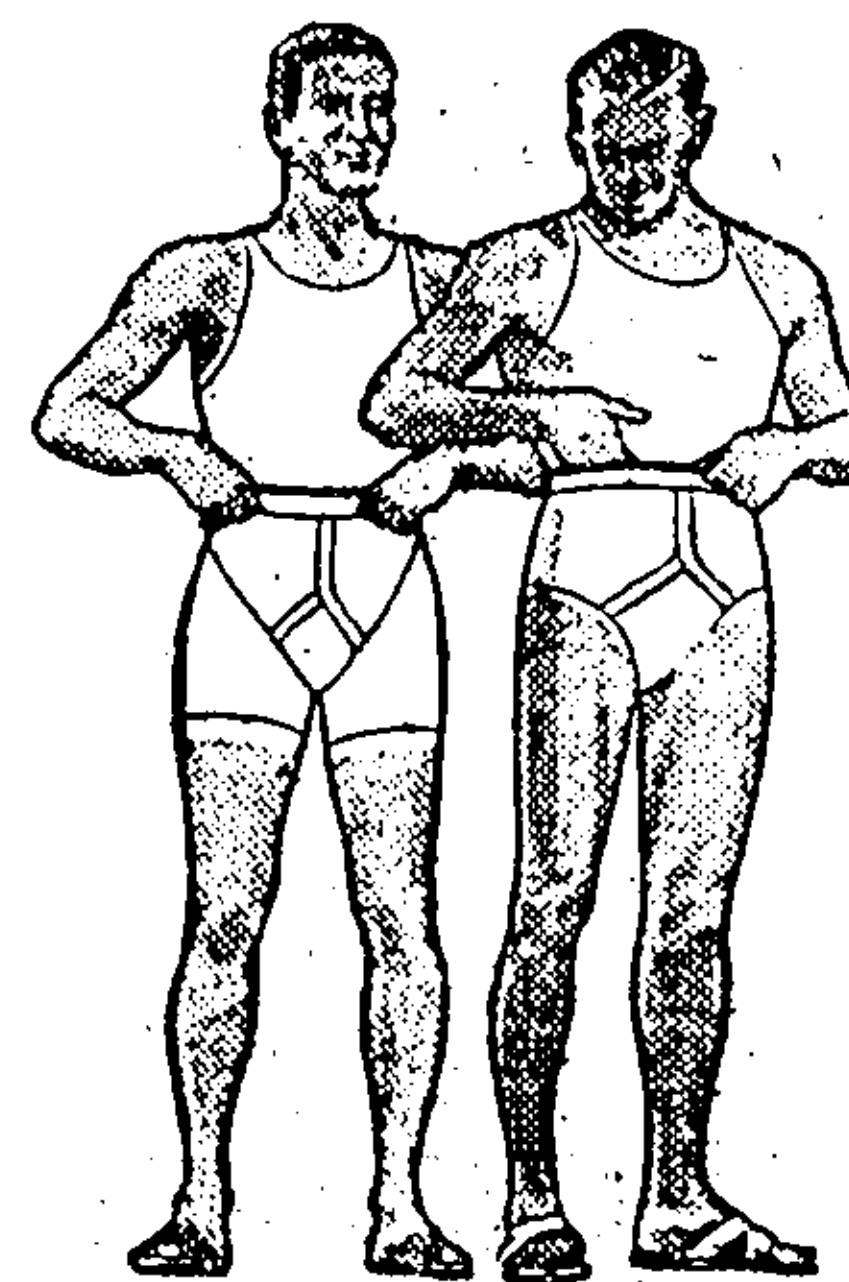
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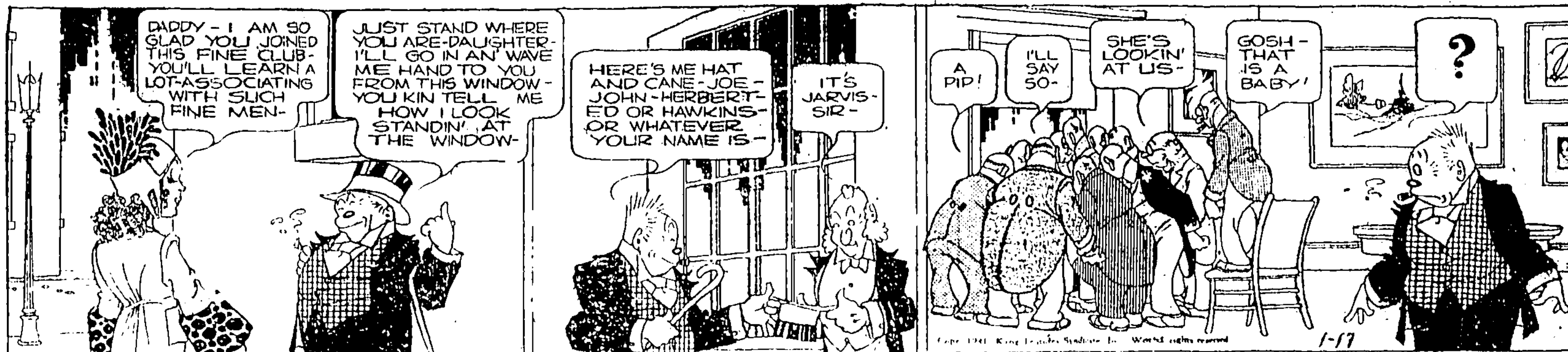
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A PAGE FOR WOMEN

There are many ways to

Serve More Milk To Your Child

by Dorothy Greig

If there's one thing doctors and food experts advocate it is the wisdom of at least one quart of milk a day for every child.

Sometimes, it must seem to harassed mothers that children are equally united in rejecting the dictum.

The trouble comes when we expect a child to drink a full quart. After all, a quart of milk takes up a lot of room and no wonder little Susie sometimes balks.

To be sure many children can and should drink more milk than they do. They can be coaxed into doing so by putting a little chocolate syrup in the milk, or a dash of nutmeg on top, or by mixing in a spoonful of molasses or honey. It's the old story of variety and it works with children as with grown-ups.

But there are other ways also to get more milk into a child's diet. Cream soups use generous quantities. Make pea, asparagus, celery or tomato into rich cream soups by simply adding milk. Milk may also be added to vegetable and chicken soup instead of the more usual water.

Children enjoy custards and milk puddings, too. They like cream sauces on vegetables, ice cream, cottage cheese spread on biscuits, lots of cream on cereals and over cooked fruits. The milk in these dishes all adds to the day's milk total. In cooking, many women prefer to use evaporated milk because it gives all the good milk solids without the bulk of fresh milk. Also, it is less expensive.

Here is a custard that may be used as the main dish for lunch or supper:

Baked Vegetable Puree Custard With Parsley Bacon Sauce

1 can condensed pea soup
3/4 cup irradiated evaporated milk
1/4 cup water
2 eggs

Combine the pea soup, milk and water and mix well. Then add the eggs, slightly beaten. Pour into buttered individual custard cups, place in a pan of hot water and bake in a moderately slow oven (335 F.) for 50-60 minutes or until firm.



Baked Vegetable Puree Custard with parsley bacon sauce is served accompanied by carrots.

Baking test for custard: Insert a silver knife in the centre of the custard and if the knife comes out clean the custard is cooked. Remove from oven and let stand in the hot water for 10 minutes before removing from the cups. Serves 6.

Parsley-Bacon Sauce

4 teaspoons butter
4 teaspoons flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
Pinch of pepper
1/2 cup irradiated evaporated milk
1/2 cup water
1 tablespoon crisp chopped

bacon
2 teaspoons chopped parsley
Melt the butter in a saucepan, add flour and seasoning and cook until frothy. Then add milk and water and cook, stirring constantly, until thickened. Add chopped crisp bacon and parsley and heat well. Serve sauce over the custard.

And children will like these cream soups which can be made with either evaporated or fresh milk. If you use fresh milk add 1 1/3 cups for each can condensed soup.

Cream Of Vegetable Soup

1 can condensed vegetable soup
2/3 cup irradiated evaporated milk
(just as it comes from the can)
2/3 cup water

Add the milk and water to the soup, heat but do not boil. Serves 2-3.

Cream Of Tomato Soup

1 can condensed tomato soup
2/3 cup irradiated evaporated milk
(just as it comes from the can)
2/3 cup water

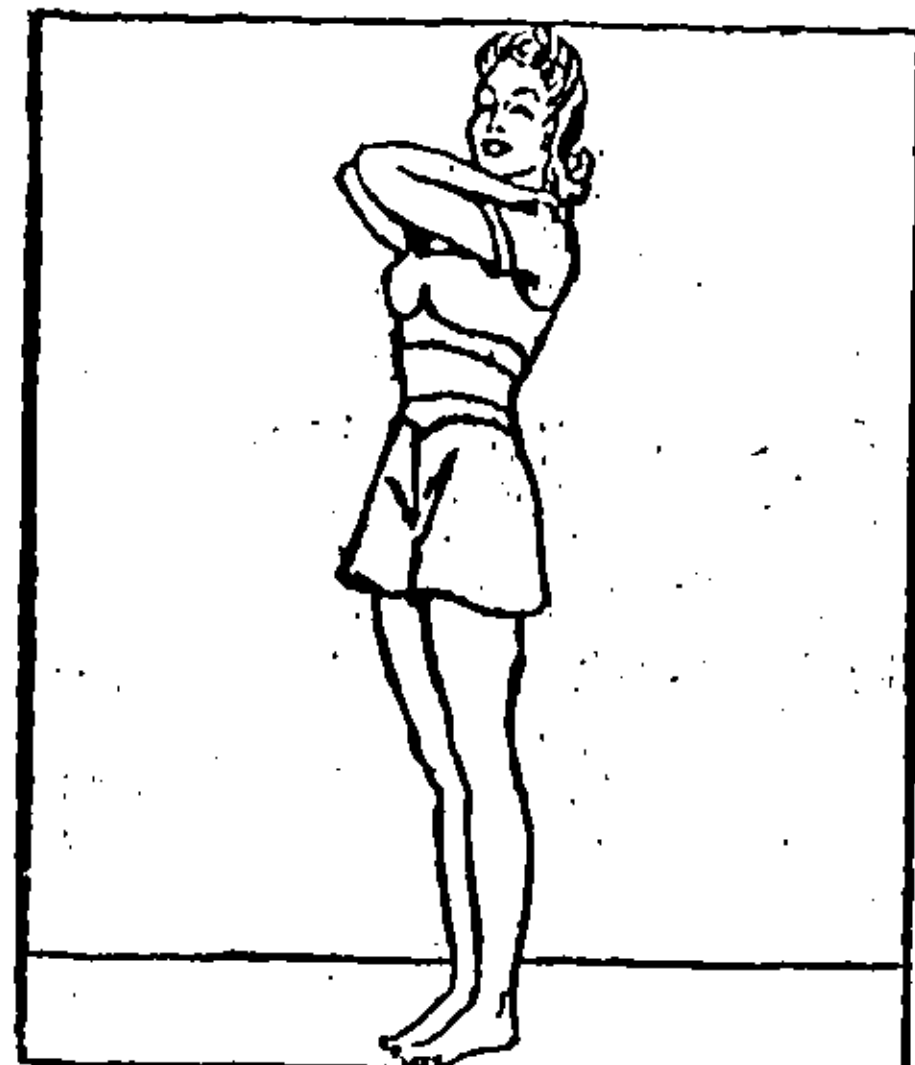
Measure the water and the milk and mix. Combine milk and soup, then heat but do not boil. Serves 2-3.

Cream Of Pea Soup

1 can condensed pea soup
2/3 cup irradiated evaporated milk
(just as it comes from the can)
2/3 cup water

Empty the soup into a saucepan, add the milk and water and heat, but do not boil. Serves 2-3.

Let's Refashion Our Figures



Time to stretch away our winter lethargy, improve our posture and make our figures more lovely! Do you realise that Easter is near when every woman desires to have a refashioned figure with renewed beauty for her spring finery!

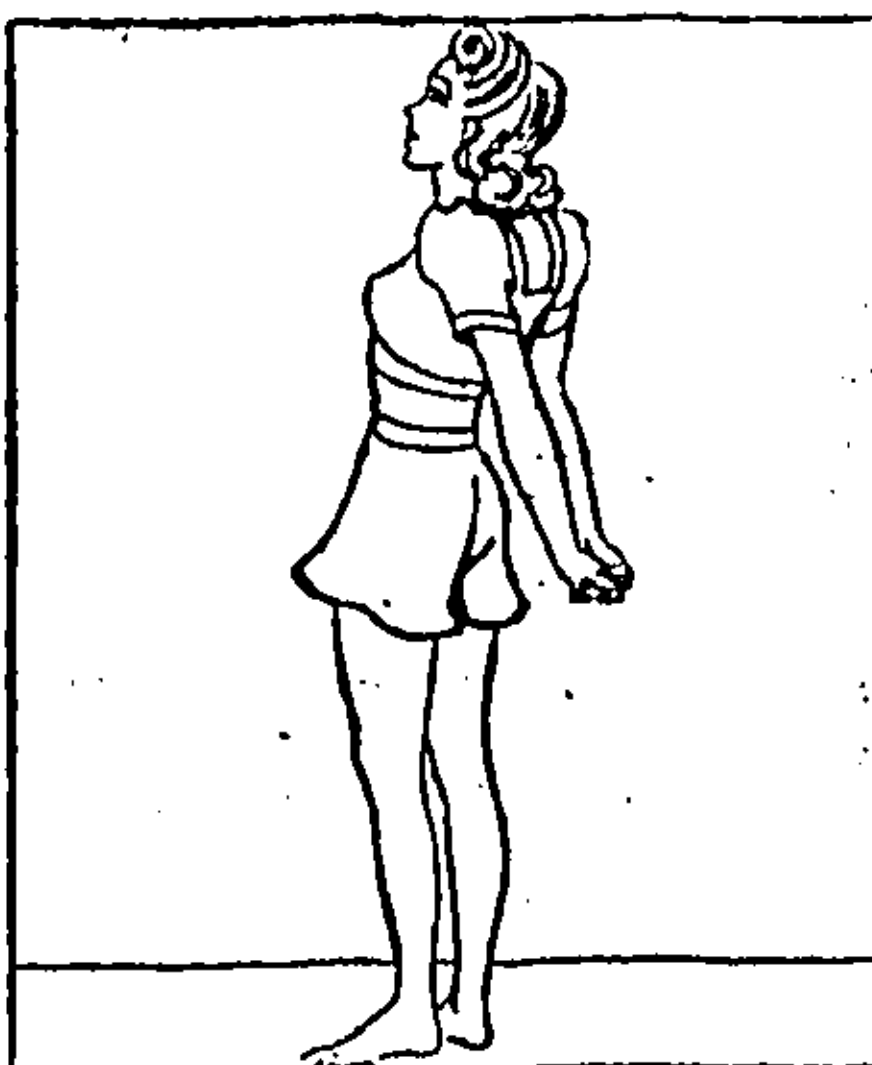
The chances are you've been slumping about lately. That means your shoulders have rounded somewhat, and perhaps definite signs of a dowager's hump may

be detected at the base of your neck. DO NOT LET EXTRA FLESH STAY THERE! Once your shoulders get so padded it is most difficult to recapture a youthful contour without resorting to professional massage.

Stand up this minute and master these two exercises, and whenever time permits go through them several times. You can do them at your place of business (if the boss doesn't spot you) or you may do them any hour at home.

Exercise 1: Stand in good posture, heels together, head high and back, well balanced. Clasp hands behind your neck and press elbows together in front. Now INHALE as you bring them back to horizontal position (you will feel a sharp stretching in back), and EXHALE as you bring them together again in front. Repeat from ten to twenty times.

Exercise 2: Stand with your feet six inches apart and clasp hands in back of you keeping arms straight. HOLDING UPPER SPINE ERECT push your shoulders back and down so the shoulder blades are pressed together. At THE SAME TIME bend your



head backward, until you are looking at the ceiling. INHALE DEEPLY AND SLOWLY AS YOU BEND YOUR HEAD BACKWARD and EXHALE SLOWLY through your lips as you bring your head and shoulders back to normal position. Ten times in all.

You should feel muscles stretch in abdomen area, shoulder area, neck and down spine. Keep rehearsing this one if you want improved posture.

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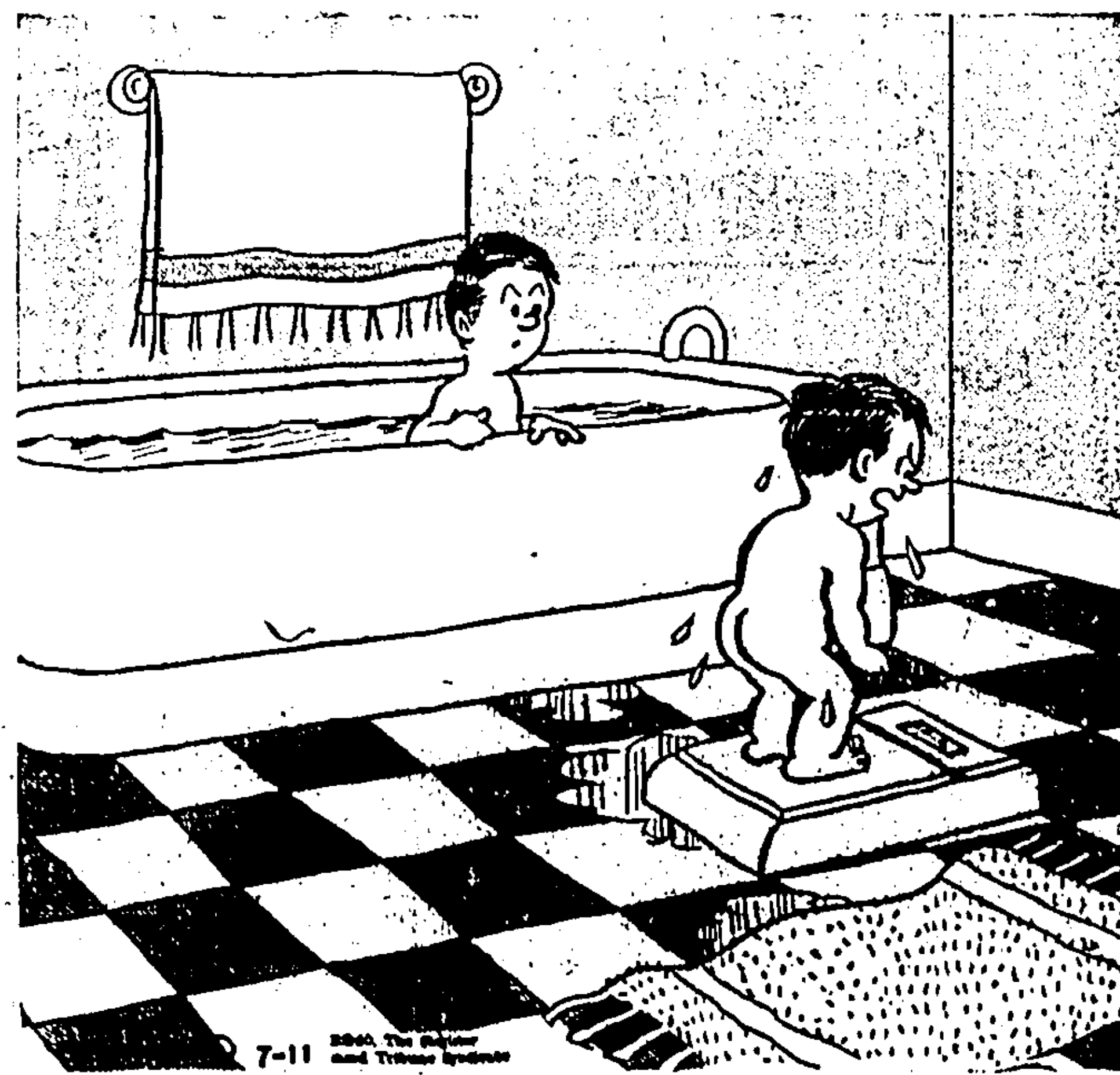
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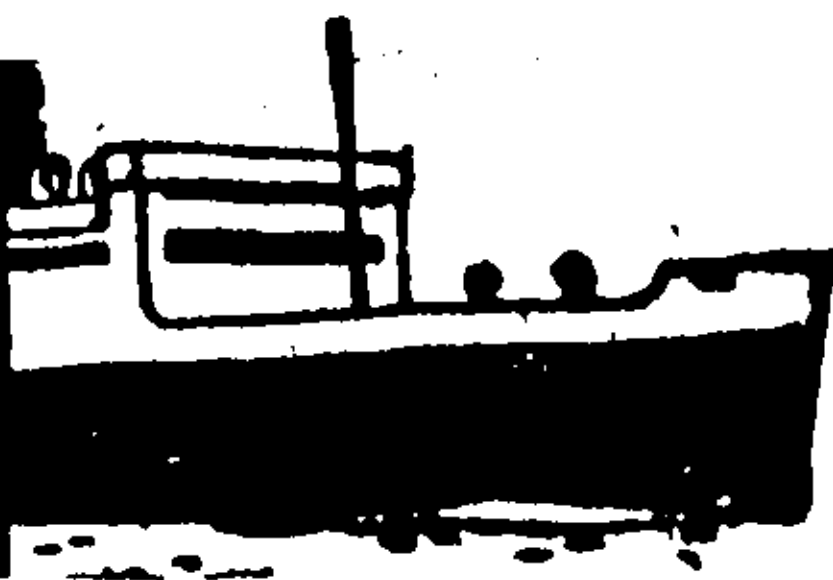


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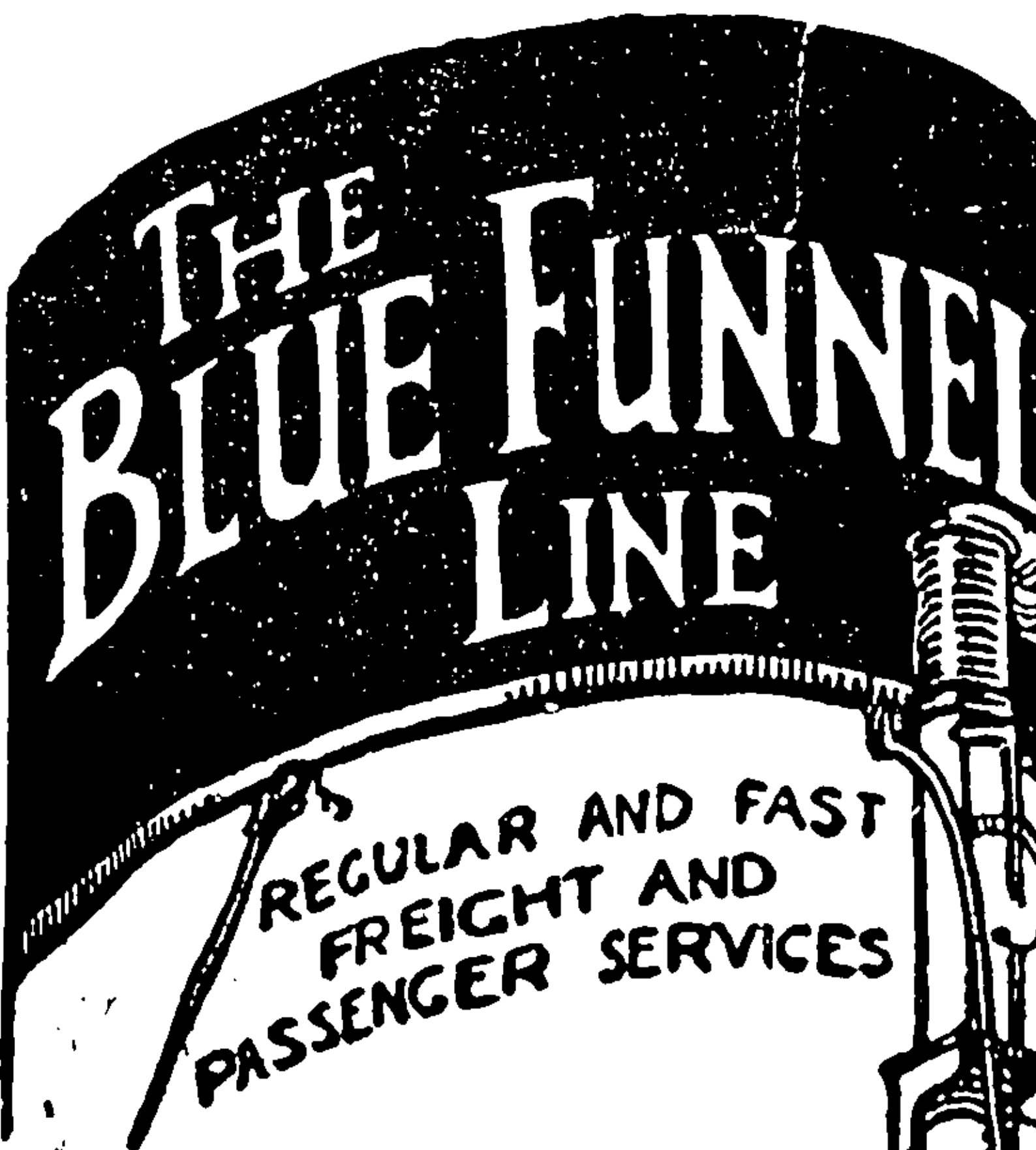
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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

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12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.—Dance Music.

Fox-Trots—Mourning Blues; Hindustan

Bob Crosby's Bob Cats, Slow

Fox-Trot—Serenade to the Stars

(film "Mad about Music"); Quick-

step—It's Wonderful... Howard Ja-

cobs & His Orchestra for Dancing.

Tango—Hear My Song, Violetta...

Emil Rousz & His Orchestra, Fox-

Trots—The Jazz Me Blues; Wash-

ington and Lee Swing... Bob Cros-

by's Bob Cats, Waltz—Love Seren-

ade (film "Let Freedom Ring");

Quickstep—If I Were Sure of You

(from "Cotton Club Parade")... Vic-

tor Silvester & His Ballroom Orch.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal.

1.01 p.m.—Vocal Duets by Jeanette

Macdonald (Soprano) and Nelson

Eddy (Baritone).

Will You Remember (film "May-

time"), Farewell to Dreams (Kahn,

Romberg), Indian Love Call (from

"Rose Marie"), Ah! Sweet Mystery

of Life (film "Naughty Marietta").

1.15 p.m.—The Lecuona Cuban Boys.

Rumba—Cachita; Conga—La Havane

A Paris, Bolero Cubano—Tendre

Bolero, Rumbas—International

Rumba, Antillana

1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press, and

Announcements

1.45 p.m.—Compositions of Grieg.

Wedding Day, Arthur de Greef

(Piano), A Swan, Op. 25, No. 2.

In The Boat, Op. 60, No. 3. Kir-

sten Flagstad (Soprano) with Piano

Holberg Suite, Op. 40. Prelude and

Sarabande—Gavotte, Air, Rocaudon

London String Orchestra

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quota-

tions

6.32 p.m.—J. H. Squire Celeste Octet

with Nan Maryska (Soprano).

Song of the Waterfall (J. H. Squire);

Scent of the Jasmine (J. H. Squire);

J. H. Squire Celeste Octet.

Nightingale Song (Zeller); Nan

Maryska (Soprano) with Orchestra

Valse Bluettes—Air De Ballet (Drin-

go); J. H. Squire Celeste Octet.

Tomorrow (R. Strauss); Nan

Maryska (Soprano) with Piano ace,

Narcissus (Nevin); J. H. Squire

Celeste Octet, Serenade (E.

Strauss); Nan Maryska (Soprano)

with Piano ace, My Sweetheart

When a Boy (Morgan-arr. Willough-

by); J. H. Squire Celeste Octet.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—'Britain

Speaks'. Talk by J. B. Priestly.

7.30 p.m.—Portuguese Programme.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and An-

ouncements

8.02 p.m.—Rimsky-Korsakov—Sche-

herazade, Op. 35.

1st Mov. Largo e maestoso-Lento.

Allegro non troppo. 2nd Mov. Len-

to-Andantino-Allegro molto. 3rd

Mov. Andantino quasi allegretto.

4th Mov. Allegro molto-Lento-Al-

legro molto e frenetico-Lento-Vivo.

Allegro non troppo maestoso-Al-

legro non troppo maestoso.

Leopold Stokowski and the Philadel-

phia Orchestra

6.47 p.m.—Cello Solos by Pablo Casals.

Musette (Bach-Pollani)

Goyescas—Intermezzo (Granados).

Les Compliments (Cassado)

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—'Questions

of the Hour'.

9.30 p.m.—Variety.

Humorous—Eton and Winchester.

Rugby and Harrow. Ronald Fran-

kau with Piano. Piano—Keep A

Twinkle in Your Eye—Quickstep...

Gerry Moore. Humorous—I Don't

Mean What You Mean... Ronald

Frankau with Piano. Piano—

Dream Awake—Slow Fox-Trot...

Gerry Moore. Vocal—With All My

Heart (from "Her Master's Voice");

He's An Angel (Hodges) ... Elsie

Carlisle with Orchestra. Hawaiian

Orch.—On the Beach of Walkiki

(Kallimal) ... Walkiki Stone-Wall

Boys. Vocal—You Were So Charm-

ing (Carr-Ilda); I'm Your Slave

(Brunelle & Tovey) ... Charles

(Gerry) Fitz Gerald (Tenor) with

Orchestra.

9.45 p.m.—News in French (on Short

Arrangements have been made between London parents and foster parents in reception areas so that, should the parents die, the foster parents at once become legal parents by adoption.

This has happened in a number of instances, reported Mr. Charles Robertson, chairman of the London County Council Education Committee, yesterday, describing

a visit to Devon, Cornwall and South Wales.

Mr. Robertson accompanied Mr. A. Emil Davies, chairman of the L.C.C.

"The children are happy and healthy," said Mr. Davies. "They are going to bed earlier, they are getting a mixed diet and learning to eat and enjoy for the first time fresh vegetables.

"In mining districts in South Wales the collieries sent out their bands to welcome them.

Homesickness

Mr. Davies said that girls were usually more homesick than boys.

"Up to 98 per cent. of the children are perfectly happy," he said. "Here and there I saw a girl—always a girl—with eyes tear-dimmed by homesickness.

"On reflection, I am not sure that it is a bad thing. The parents don't want their children completely to forget them."

Elementary schoolchildren in a village collect wool from barbed wire and hedges. This they spin, dye with natural dyes, weave into skeins and knit into garments.

Fifteen London boys are singing in the choir at a Welsh cathedral.

At Biddeford, Devon, children presented Mr. Robertson with a "bouquet," a large basket of onions. They agreed that it should be handed over to London parents bombed out. The onions are being distributed to meals centres in South-East London.

Wave only.

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—Talk: 'Scots Abroad'.

10.15 p.m.—Dance Music.

Quickstep—I've got my eyes on you

(film "Broadway Melody of 1940");

Fox-Trot—Begin the Beguine...

Billy Cotton & His Band. Waltz—

As 'Round and 'Round we Go (from

"Haw-Haw"). Fox-Trot—The Gaucho

Serenade... Swing and Sway with

Sammy Kaye. Swing Fox-Trots—

April in Paris; King for a Day...

Artie Shaw & His New Orchestra.

Slow Fox-Trot—Where Or When

(from "Babes in Arms"); Quickstep

—Are You Havin' Any Fun? (from

"The Little Dog Laughed")... Am-

brose & His Orchestra. Slow Fox-

Trot—Faithful Forever; Quickstep—

It's A Hap-Hap-Happy Day (both

from "Gulliver's Travels")... Jay

Wilbur & His Band. Fox-Trot—The

Man Who Comes Around; Quickstep

—Bring out the Little Brown Jug

... Billy Cotton & His Band. Fox-

Trot—The Woodpecker Song...

Glenn Miller & His Orchestra. Fox-

Trot—Irene; Waltz—Alice Blue

Gown (both from film "Irene")...

Wayne King & His Orchestra.

11.00 p.m.—Close down.

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ARMY SPORTLIGHT

ARMY TEAM CHANGED FOR KOTEWALL CUP GAME

Saw, Auld And Marable Newcomers In Attack

By "Squaddy"

ARMY WILL MEET SOUTH CHINA IN THE LAST GAME OF THE KOTEWALL CUP SERIES ON SATURDAY AT CAUSEWAY BAY.

There has been three changes in the forward line from the team which drew with Navy.

Saw and Marable, of Middlesex, have been included in as the left wing combination instead of Weir and Duffield, as the latter is unfit to play. Auld, of Royal Scots, who was recently promoted to Royals' senior eleven has been given a chance at the centre position. He is the type of player needed for the Chinese and should do well in this position on Saturday. If Army win they will win the Kotewall Cup competition as South China have beaten the Navy, and the Army drew with the Navy.

Following is the Army team: Bankier, Naysmith and Fraser (Capt.); Birrell, Bright and Freshwater; Owens, Fox, Auld, Saw and Marable.

Reserves: Reynolds, Sheehan, Guy and Polham.

In Second Division, Royal Engineers look like being the champions. They further strengthened their hold by defeating the Kit Chee Football Club by 4 goals to 1. Royal Army Service Corps who are hot on their heels are still three points behind and it looks very much as if they will be runners up as the third team are nine points behind.

Signals and Air Force are still battling for Third Division honours and both had narrow wins on Saturday and although there is only one point in it, so far, it looks very much like the last game counting.

Signals are one point in the lead but have played one more game and have only one match to play and the Air Force have two more matches.

Air Force have had the least goals scored against them in League football this season.

HOCKEY

THE Army six-a-side knockout competition will be held during the month, on the dates which will be notified later.

Large Units may enter up to three teams and this competition will be worth watching as there are some strong sides in this competition. The Midlands have an exceptionally strong side, but the strongest can falter.

RUGBY

ROYAL Engineers still maintain an undefeated record in the Large Units' Rugby League. The Rugby committee are debating whether they should continue with the League as there are a lot of Military duties to compete with at the present moment. In any case, Royal Engineers are the winners of the League and this gives them two trophies for Rugby, as they have already won the Small Units competition.

The Large Units Rugby League standings are as follow:

	P	W	L	D	Pts.
Royal Engineers	7	7	0	0	14
Royal Artillery	6	3	3	0	6
Middlesex Regt.	6	2	4	0	4
Royal Scots	4	1	2	1	3
Combined S. Units	5	0	4	1	1

Any Units wishing to play off their remaining matches may do so and are allowed to use Soekunpoo on Tuesday's for this purpose.

NEXT week the Inter-Unit Team Boxing competition takes place at Murray Barracks on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, if necessary.

Combined Small Units will not be entering a team as previously expected, as they can only raise 12 competitors.

Three teams will now compete, they are: Combined Royal Artillery, Royal Scots and Middlesex Regiment.

Royal Scots have been in strict training for this event and are expected to pull it off once more. They have won this boxing trophy for the three years running and are the only team to have won it.

dislex opce. Last year Royal Scots won it by one point and Middlesex are all out to regain it this year.

The Boxing tournament which the B.W.O.F. were trying to arrange for some time in May between Army and any opposition which could be found has had to be cancelled as no opponents have been found for the Army boxers.

ATHLETICS

TO-DAY, at Pokfulam 12th Coast Regt. R.A., are holding their regimental sports and selecting their team for the Command Athletic Meeting which takes place at the end of the month.

NEXT Wednesday Middlesex Regiment will meet the Hong Kong University in an Athletic meeting to be held at Shamshui and the following events will take place. At the request of the University there will be four competitors in a team.

440 Yards Relay.
480 Yards Hurdles.
380 Yards Relay.
1 Mile Relay.
1 Mile Medley Relay (one at 440 yards, one at 880 yards and two at 220 yards).
Long Jump.
Throwing the Javelin.
Putting the Shot.

SEVEN-A-SIDE

RUGBY

THE Army Seven-a-Side Rugby Tournament will commence next Tuesday, April 8, and so far the following teams have entered. 8th Coast Regt., R.A. (two teams); 5th A.A. Regt., R.A. (three teams); Royal Engineers (two teams); Medical Corps; and Royal Signals.

Entries from Royal Scots and Middlesex have not yet been received but they are expected to enter two teams each.

YAUMATI SCHOOL SPORTS

The Yaumati Government School annual sports were held yesterday on the Central British School Ground.

The senior championship resulted in a tie between Chan Yiu-kai and Wong Wai-sun with 11 points, and Au Yeung-chuen, with 15, won the junior championship: High Jump (Senior):—1, Ng Tai-sang; 2, Chan Yiu-kai; 3, Wong Wai-sun. Height 5 ft. Junior:—1, Poon Chee-wo; 2, Lam Kwok-wah; 3, Au Yeung-chuen. Height 4 ft. 5 ins.

100 Yards (Small Boys):—1, Yung Shau-lun; 2, Leung Ping-kwan; 3, Leung Kim-wai. Time: 13 7-10. Senior:—1, Wong Wai-sun; 2, Chan Yiu-kai; 3, Tsui Ying-kwan. Time: 11 2-3. Junior:—1, Au Yeung-chuen; 2, Lam Kwok-wah; 3, Chan Wai-tong. Time: 11 2-3.

Three-Legged Race (Small Boys):—1, Yung Shau-lun, Ng Chung-dow; 2, Lau Man-ching, Kung Kan-lai. Long Jump (Senior):—1, Chan Yiu-kai; 2, Leung Po-man; 3, Tsui Ying-kwan. Distance: 15 ft. 2 1-2 ins. Junior:—1, Au Yeung-chuen; 2, Lam Kwok-wah; 3, Poon Chee-wo. Distance: 15 ft. 11 ins.

Spoon and Egg Race (Small Boys):—1, Yung Shau-lun; 2, Ng Tai-sang; 3, Lau Man-ching. 440 Yards (Senior):—1, Wong Wai-sun; 2, Hing Chee-lep; 3, Tsui Ying-kwan. Time: 63 1-3. Junior:—1, Au Yeung-chuen; 2, Lam Kwok-wah; 3, Chan Wai-tong. Time: 53 1-5.

220 Yards (Small Boys):—1, Leung Kim-wai; 2, Chau Kuo-jok; 3, Leung Ping-kwan. Time: 22 2-3.

Half-Mile (Open Handicap):—1, Ng Tai-sang; 2, Hing Chee-lep; 3, Tsui Yum-man.

Past Pupils Race:—1, Lo Chu-pang; 2, Lau Pak-ngo.

Class Team Race (Classes 5 and 6):—1, Class 5A; 2, Class 5B; 3, Class 5C.

Class Team Race (Classes 7 and 8):—1, Class 7B; 2, Class 7C; 3, Class 7A.

Class Team Race (Classes 9 and 10):—1, Class 9A; 2, Class 9B; 3, Class 9C.

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Following are leading Badminton League pairings:—

	P.	L.	W.
K. W. Chey and C. K. Lee (University "A")	12	0	12
H. F. Chiu and P. K. Hui (University "A")	9	0	9
P. S. Bun and M. S. Lim (University "A")	6	1	5
M. P. Yoong and Y. P. Yoong (University "B")	6	1	5
C. Au and H. Koh (Chinese "Y")	12	7	5
J. J. Remedios and H. F. Gonsalves (Recreio)	15	10	5
M. A. Oliveira and A. M. Rodrigues (Recreio)	15	10	5
F. Koh and C. Y. Yung (Chinese "Y")	15	10	5
C. Au and F. Kujh (Chinese "Y")	6	2	4
P. H. Wong and P. C. Lau (Chinese "Y")	9	5	4
A. Carvalho and A. M. Silva (Recreio)	15	11	4
C. K. Lee and S. L. Yung (University "B")	3	0	3
M. S. Lim and S. F. Yung (University "A")	3	0	3
T. T. Chin and F. L. Yung (University "B")	6	3	2
P. H. Hon and H. F. Chiu (University "A")	3	1	2
C. K. Cheuk and K. B. Lin (University "B")	3	1	2
S. Amplavagar and A. P. Lee (University "B")	3	1	2
M. P. Yoong and Y. P. Yoong (University "A")	3	1	2
P. H. Wong and C. Y. Yung (Chinese "Y")	3	2	1
P. H. Wong and T. W. Wong (Chinese "Y")	3	2	1
C. Au and P. H. Wong (Chinese "Y")	3	2	1
K. B. Low and S. Amplavagar (University "B")	3	2	1
C. K. Cheuk and S. Amplavagar (University "B")	3	3	0
F. Koh and T. C. Lau (Chinese "Y")	6	6	0

"B" Division

	P.	L.	W.
A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter-Blyth (K.C.C.)	21	3	18
N. L. Smith and P. Wilson (St. John's)	21	1	20
H. Eardley and D. Kwok (St. John's)	18	0	18
E. P. Fincher and H. Kew (St. Andrew's)	18	4	14
D. M. Xavier and S. A. Rum-John (V.R.C.)	18	5	13
S. P. Chan and K. J. Astwell (King's)	12	0	12
W. Gillies and L. Gordon (Police)	21	9	12
C. F. Chiu and S. C. Liang (Chung Wah)	12	2	10
S. P. Chan and W. C. Chung (King's)	12	0	12
A. E. Brown and S. A. Gray (St. Andrew's)	15	6	9
W. H. Choy and W. C. Choy (Chung Wah)	9	1	8
P. C. Leung and K. F. Chiu (Chung Wah)	12	4	8
Peter Lo and J. Tsang (Kowloon Tong)	15	7	8
M. M. Davies and B. Gillespie (St. Andrew's)	15	7	8
K. L. Lui and W. C. Chung (King's)	9	2	7
J. Odell and M. Taitan (J.R.C.)	12	5	7
T. Lam and K. H. Lo (King's)	15	8	7
J. L. Anderson and H. S. Jones (K.C.C.)	15	8	7
C. C. Pereira and E. A. R. Alves (Recreio)	9	3	6
H. T. Woo and K. L. Lui (King's)	9	3	6
P. A. Yvanovich and P. P. Botelho (Recreio)	6	1	5
M. Maynard and G. S. Ladd (St. John's)	24	19	5
A. E. Xavier and A. E. Noronha (Recreio)	9	5	4
S. Ramler and B. Godkin (J.R.C.)	12	8	4
A. Sabo and M. M. de V. Soares (V.R.C.)	15	11	4
C. F. Chiu and P. C. Leung (Chung Wah)	3	1	2
S. C. Liang and K. F. Chiu (Chung Wah)	3	0	3
C. F. Chiu and W. H. Choy (Chung Wah)	3	0	3
E. A. R. Alves and B. T. Gossão (Recreio)	3	0	3
E. Zimmerman and D. Hazell (K.C.C.)	3	0	3
W. Lawrence and A. E. Noronha (Recreio)	3	0	3
D. Hazell and A. E. P. Quest (K.C.C.)	3	0	3
D. Kwok and E. Kennard (St. John's)	3	0	3
A. E. P. Quest and E. Zimmerman (K.C.C.)	3	0	3
J. L. Anderson and D. Hazell (K.C.C.)	3	0	3
H. S. Jones and A. E. P. Quest (K.C.C.)	3	0	3
P. H. Kwok and A. E. P. Quest (K.C.C.)	3	0	3

BRILLIANT BADMINTON AT K.C.C.; M.P. YOONG JUST BEATS P.K. HOOL

By "Adrem"

THE SENIOR SINGLES badminton championship match between M. P. Yoong, Cambridge half-blue, and P. K. Hool, former triple Colony champion, who has not met with defeat in a championship match for at least three seasons, was well up to expectations, and the capacity crowd at Kowloon Cricket Club was treated to some exchanges of the highest standard.

Yoong won in three games, the scores being: 17-14, 5-15, and 17-15.

The Cambridge player was the first to settle down, finding his touch immediately and scoring freely with beautifully-timed strokes of every description. Hool could not get going and was kept on the move like no player in Hong Kong has ever forced him before. Yoong ran into a long lead of 9-0 before Hool scored his first ace but then the former champion, a dour fighter that he is, settled down. His short game improved greatly and he turned the most powerful smashes of his opponent to his own advantage with neat touches at the net.

Yoong Overhauled

Yoong was covering court very well but Hool outmatched him, to slowly make up the deficit and eventually take the lead at 13-12. The game was "settled" at 14-11, and Yoong went out at 17-14.

Late in this game Yoong was showing signs of distress and it came as no surprise when Hool won the next game easily, there being several interruptions through Yoong's indisposition.

The final game was a thrilling affair, both men being very well-matched in every phase, but Yoong, now apparently completely recovered, gradually assumed control to lead 14-11. Hool still refused to give up and amid great excitement crept unslowly while Yoong was trying hard to secure that elusive match-point. When Hool levelled at 14-11 it appeared certain that he would win but with Yoong serving, he had bad luck with several of his shots, which either hit the netcord or landed on the wrong side of the lines, and Yoong won the necessary three aces with comparative ease to end a great match.

Results

The following were the results:

MEN'S JUNIOR DOUBLES

T. S. Young and M. K. Funn beat Peter Lo and J. Tsang 18-17, 15-7.

JUNIOR SINGLES

J. L. Anderson beat E. Zimmerman 15-11, 15-7.

J. Odell beat H. S. Jones 15-5, 15-12.

SENIOR SINGLES

M. P. Yoong beat P. K. Hool 17-14, 5-15, 17-15.

K. W. Choy beat W. Gillies 15-3, 15-1.

(Kowloon Tong)	3	1	2
F. H. Kwok and J. Chan (Kowloon Tong)	6	3	3
R. E. Lee and K. M. Lee (Kowloon Tong)	3	1	2
S. C. Chan and Lee Po (Kowloon Tong)	3	1	2
F. S. Li and S. C. Liang (Chung Wah)	3	1	2
R. E. Lee and P. C. Fletcher (Kowloon Tong)	3	1	2
K. L. Lui and J. Pan (King's)	3	1	2
K. H. Lo and W. C. Chung (King's)	3	1	2
N. Whitley and M. L. Smith (St. John's)	3	1	2
A. E. Xavier and C. C. Pereira (Recreio)	3	1	2
K. J. Attwell and K. H. Lo (King's)	3	1	2
E. P. Fincher and H. Merritt (St. Andrew's)	3	1	2
P. Yvanovich and A. E. Noronha (Recreio)	3	1	2
W. H. Choy and S. P. Lee (Chung Wah)	3	1	2
S. T. Chan and S. C. Chan (Kowloon Tong)	3	1	2
G. Brown and A. A. Brown (K.C.C.)	3	1	2



CRACK PONY DEAD

Strathroy, the ex-champion Australian pony owned by Mr. J. F. Macgregor, had to be destroyed yesterday morning after it had collapsed in its box, in the Jockey Club Stables, Happy Valley, on Sunday night.

It was learned that the gallant pony collapsed through old age though it had been suffering from arthritis for some time.

A 1936 Subscription Griffin, Strathroy won a number of races for its proud owner before it was pensioned off towards the end of 1938 when it was found to be suffering from arthritis. It's "big" year was in 1937 when it won the following races:—

Melbourne Cup (Mr. Black); Australian Ponies Champions, over 1 1/4 miles in 2:10.3, the record time of 2:10.3 with Mr. Black up;

Broken Hill Handicap (Mr. Black) over 1 mile 171 yards in the record time of 1:55.3;

The Coronation Handicap (Mr. Black), with Cup and dead-heat with Gypsy Love (Mr. Tao) in the Canberra Handicap, over 1 mile 151 yards, Mr. Black again being jockey.

Only Two Starts

The following year Strathroy only started twice but it won the Australian Ponies Champions (Mr. Black) again and set up a new record, 1:44.2, over the mile when it came in first in the Albury Handicap. Mr. Black again being the jockey. This was the last race in which this gallant pony faced the starter.

The following records still stand in Strathroy's name:—

Five Furlongs	1:02.2
1 1/4 Miles	2:10.3
1 1/2 Miles	3:11.3

Strathroy had won a total of \$12,350 in stakes money.

It is interesting to note that the record (2:10.3) set up by the race from the Two Mile race. Once Round and In (About 1911, 172 yards) by Strathroy on March 30, 1937, remained unbroken until last Saturday when Mr. C. G. Brown won the race in 2:10.3.

CONN FAVOURED TO DEFEAT JOE LOUIS

Former Welterweight Champion's Views

TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Following is to-day's Tennis Championship programme:

Open Singles

Tsui Wal-pui v K H Ip (8) S A

Runjahn v Li Shields-Goodman (5)

Club Handicap Singles

F W Carter (-1/6) v V R Gordon

(-3/6) (2) T J Gould (-15/2) v A

K Mackenzie (plus 1/6) (3) G W

Sewell (-4/6) v H C D Knight

(-2/6) (6)

Club Handicap Doubles

R E Guest and B C Fay (30) v

F W Carter and E N Thursby (2/6)

(4)

HAS MASTERED CHIEF LESSON

JIMMY McLARNIN likes Billy Conn to beat Joe Louis when they meet for the world's heavyweight championship in June, writes Henry McLemore from Hollywood, California.

The gimlet-eyed little Irishman who once held the welterweight title, and who fought 13 world's champions in his day, is going to bet a pretty fair chunk on Pittsburgh Billy when he goes against the supposedly invincible brown bomber.

You can't kiss off McLarnin's leaning toward Conn by saying that it's just another example of an Irishman going for an Irishman. Jimmy has his reasons, and coming from a man as good as he was inside those ropes, they carry a little weight. This country has produced few men who were better boxers than the kid from Vancouver, and pound for pound no man ever outlast him.

Learned Lesson

"The main reason I like Conn to lick Louis," McLarnin told me over a game of gin-rummy at the Lakeside Club recently, is that Billy has mastered lesson "A" in fighting, and that is to hit and not get hit.

You can't beat a guy without hitting him, and I don't think Louis can hit Conn. Conn is fast. Louis is slow. Louis is worse than that. He is awfully slow. All you have to do to know that is to look at his legs and thighs. They are big. That's good for a hitter. That's where Joe gets a lot of his power—those big legs driving in. Jimmy, carried away by his subject, pushed back the cards, got up from the table, with Bob Hope, Randy Scott, Bob Armstrong, Alan Hale and a lot of others watching him, gave a demonstration of how Conn can lick Louis.

"Hit and move away—jab and move—keep moving—in and out," McLarnin said as he shifted and punched and dodged an imaginary foe.

"To hell with Conn being too light," Jimmy said. "Get him up to 180 or a little more, and that's big enough."

Will To Fight

Dempsey was a fair fighter and what did he weigh? don't forget this, either. Conn is mean. I've seen him fight, and you can't tell me he is just a pretty boy, a picture boxer. No, sir, he has that something a champion has to have, and that is willingness to do anything to win. You can't be a champion unless you have it. Deep inside him he is ready to do anything to get that decision."

McLarnin thinks Conn hits plenty hard enough to hurt Louis.

"I saw the pictures of his fight with Pastor, and Pastor was no bum. Yet Billy knocked him through the ropes and stopper him. Pastor is harder to hurt than Louis. You don't have to hit Joe very hard to make him stop, thinking, and get him all mixed up. You can't show me a man in the world who weighs 175 or more and is in good physical condition who can't punch hard enough to hurt. Let a flyweight get set and he'll give you the staggers."

Psychological Edge

McLarnin gives Conn a big psychological edge, too. "Conn is still moving up," McLarnin explained. "He wants that heavyweight title. He is spurred on by the fact that everyone thinks he is tackling the impossible. He has everything to win and nothing to lose. Louis must be close to fed up with the title. He has had it for a long time, he's rich, and I know enough about boxing to know he is tired of training."

The one thing McLarnin doesn't like about Conn is his way of taking two or three rounds to warm up.

"He can't afford to make a slow start against Joe," Jimmy said. "He'll be killed if he does. What he should do is work three or four

rounds in his dressing room before going into the ring."

In picking Conn to lick Louis, McLarnin doesn't under-rate the champion's class.

"He is the fastest man with his fists I ever saw," Jimmy said, "and he hits just as hard as any man I ever saw fight. But he is slow, and there isn't any excuse for a fast man ever being hit by a slow one. Particularly when the fast man has brains to go along with his speed."

That's McLarnin's opinion. It isn't mine, which probably makes it right.

"BOUGHT" FRENCH HORSES NOT SUCH BARGAINS

MOST OF THE French bloodstock, including the whole of the Aga Khan's valuable stud, has passed into German hands, according to a report from the German frontier relayed to Hong Kong last week.

It was generally expected that when the Germans occupied parts of France they would commandeer the thoroughbreds, and now they are reported to have "bought" hundreds of them, the transaction being carried out by the German Breeders Union in conjunction with the German Army Command. It is known that many famous brood mares, such as La Becassine, La Bourrasque and La Belle Dame were among those of the Aga Khan's horses that were concerned in the "deal."

Others Missing

The Aga Khan had four breeding studs in France, among the stallions being Rustom Pasha, Firdausi, Badruddin and Sind, but it is not known what has happened to them. He also had a large number of brood mares at these studs, and each year their produce came up for sale at Deauville.

The "sale" recalls Lord Roseberry's recent speech to the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association, when he said that France, so far as they knew, had lost the whole of her thoroughbred stock.

But those people who had stolen the French horses would not find them such a bargain as they thought.

No one could enter an animal in the General Stud Book without the authority of the owner and approval of Messrs. Weatherby.

General Stud Book

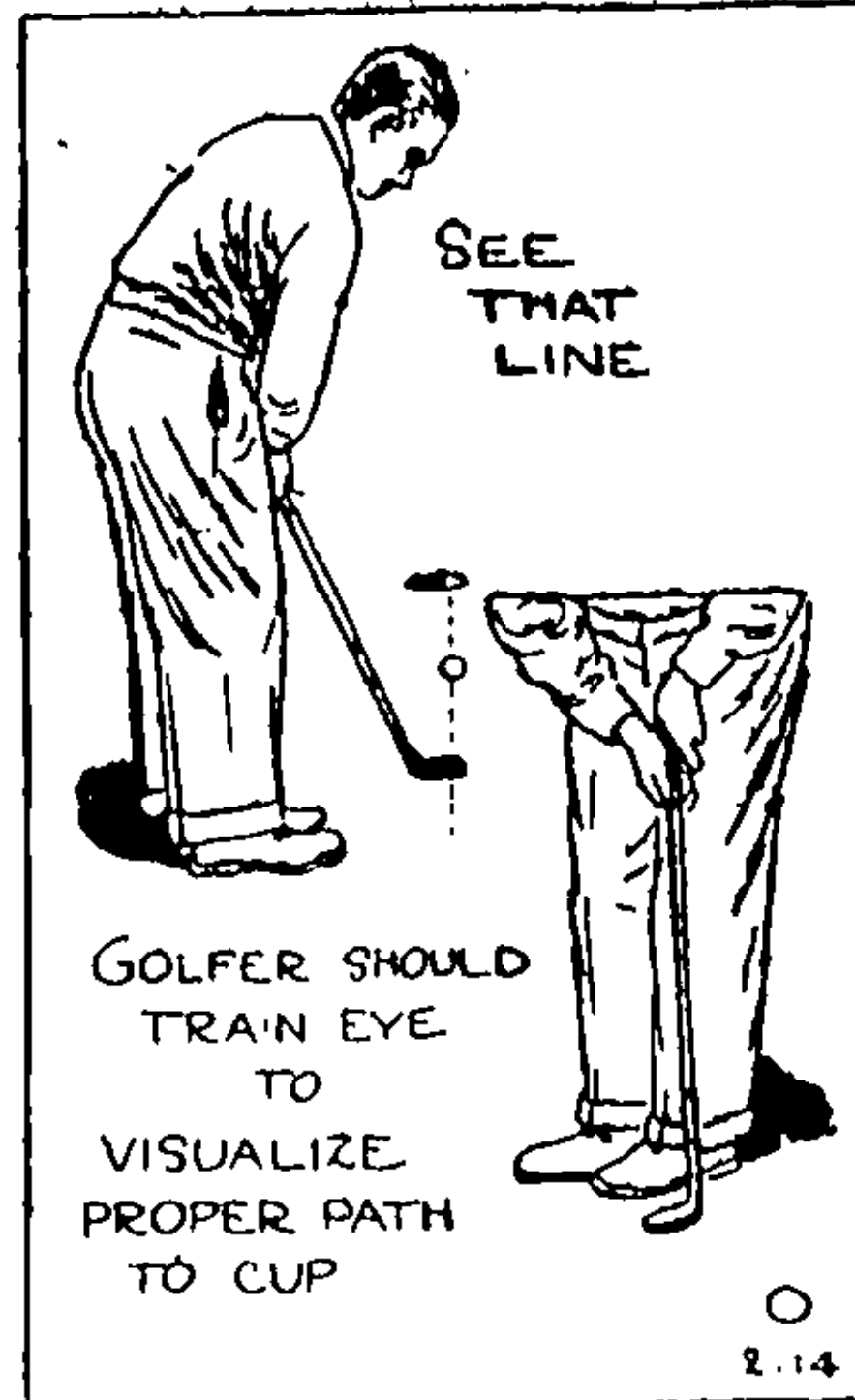
The first volume of the General Stud Book was issued in 1791, its object being to maintain the purity of British thoroughbred stock.

Since May, 1913, no horse or mare has been considered eligible for admission unless it could be

Joe Peritz, director of sports publicity at Notre Dame, tells this one on Greg Rice, the great distance runner who captained the Irish team in 1939.

Morning after the Illinois meet, Rice went around and awakened all his teammates, herded them to mass. Only then did he find Father John A. O'Brien had chosen that particular morning to deliver a sermon on Rice's virtues as an athlete, gentleman, scholar and Christian.

GRAPHIC GOLF



The Putting Path

BY BEST BALL

Before a player makes his putt, he should endeavour to see clearly the line of path to the hole. On some occasions this will be more readily apparent than at others but the player should make a diligent effort to visualise the path on all occasions. Only by constant application to this detail can the golfer increase his sensitivity to this factor. The routine trains the eye, not only in putting accuracy but in short shots to the green as well.

Bobby Jones once said he never missed a putt in which this line was clearly defined in his mind beforehand. This is testimonial enough as to its value.

Next Article: — Uphill-Downhill.

JEAN BOROTRA VISITS COLLEGE FOR COACHES

M. Jean Borotra, Commissioner-General for Sports, recently inspected the College for Sports and Athletic Coaches at Artlbes, states a message from Nice.

In a short address, M. Borotra defined the aim of sports education in France, which is to develop character as well as bodies. —Havas.

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ANOTHER LONG STRUGGLE

The twice uncompleted game between M. Pagh and O. Umetani in the Open Singles Tennis Championship reached a decision yesterday when Pagh won by 4-6, 14-12 and 6-3.

Umetani won the first set comparatively easily and started off in the second set well, but Pagh, by steady play, drew level at 5 all and thenceforth it was a struggle for the set in which no less than 26 games were played.

Pagh had a good chance of winning the set early for at the 12th game he was leading 40-15 but allowed Umetani to win the game and draw level at 6-all. Each player won a game in turn and Umetani was leading at 12-11, but Pagh won the next three games in succession and the set.

In the last set Pagh ran into a 3-0 lead but Umetani drew level at three all. Pagh won the next three games and the set.

TENNIS RESULTS

Following were the results of yesterday's tennis matches.

OPEN SINGLES

C. H. R. Oxlade beat T. A. Pearce 7-5, 6-3.

M. Pagh beat O. Umetani 4-6,

14-12, 6-3.

CLUB HANDICAP SINGLES

T. J. Gould beat A. K. Mackenzie 6-0, 8-6.

CLUB HANDICAP DOUBLES

G. W. Sewell and D. M. MacDougall beat V. R. Gordon and M. H. Turner 6-4, 6-3.

R. H. Blake and H. C. D. Knight walk-over from H. E. Waller and E. S. Hall.

R. E. Guest and B. C. Fay v F. W. Carter and E. N. Thursby (unfinished, one set-all).

R.A.F.'S OWN BALL GAME

Scenes recalling the famous football match in "Tom Brown's Schooldays" have lately been observed at certain Air Force stations. One hundred or more players can take part in this game—pass-ball—which was invented by a Wing Commander.

Its parentage appears to be by rigger out of netball. Its various opposing teams depends on the advantages are that the size of the number of players available, that the size of the pitch varies accordingly, that the equipment cost is small, and that the game is fast and vigorous.

The game is played with a soccer ball; the goals are similar to those used in netball. But pass-ball differs from netball in that a goal must be scored in the course of play and not from a free shot, that a player may bounce the ball as he runs, and that the ball may be struck from an opponent's hand. The ball, which may not be held for more than two seconds or carried for more than three paces, is passed rapidly from player to player—but it may not be punched or kicked, and tackling a player in netball style is also barred.

When a really large number of players is able to turn out and the pitch is big in proportion, the game who probably gets most exercise is the referee.

FRENCH SHIPS IN U.S. MAY ALSO BE SEIZED

SHANGHAI ELECTION RUMOUR

The action of the Shanghai Municipal Council in again postponing the elections is believed to be connected with the current negotiations concerning changes in number and representation on the Council.

This is the second postponement at the eleventh hour but, unlike the first postponement, no definite date has now been fixed for the elections.

It was merely announced that the election set for April 9 and 10 has been cancelled and that such an election has been postponed to a future date.

It was unconfirmably reported that the British, American and Japanese authorities are putting the final touches to an agreement by which the three nationalities will equally divide the nine seats on the Council, that is, three each.

It is also reported that such an agreement will hold good for two years. — Reuter.

WAR FUND GIFT

The Tanganyika War Relief and Welfare Fund has sent £500 to the Lord Mayor of London's Air Raid Distress Fund and £100 to the Duke of Gloucester's Red Cross and St. John Fund. — British Wireless.

COMPANY BUYS A SPITFIRE

The Union Steel Corporation of South Africa has sent £6,300 for the purchase of a Spitfire. — British Wireless.

America Likely To Put All Into Service

Within Terms Of Formula Of Aid To Britain

WELL-INFORMED CIRCLES IN WASHINGTON THINK THERE IS A STRONG POSSIBILITY THAT FOLLOWING THE SEIZURE OF ITALIAN, GERMAN AND DANISH SHIPS, THE UNITED STATES WILL TAKE THE SAME ACTION IN REGARD TO FRENCH SHIPS, OF WHICH THERE ARE NOW 15 IN AMERICAN PORTS.

Replying to questions, Treasury officials in Washington yesterday intimated action was possible later this week.

Officials are now studying the final disposal of the seized ships which at present remain in "protective custody," the title still remaining with the original owners.

According to Treasury officials it is very probable the ships will be placed in service in view of Britain's need of ships and the general shortage of shipping.

Meanwhile President Roosevelt has indicated that he personally ordered the seizure of Italian, German and Danish ships during the week-end.

This was revealed at a press conference on the train taking him back to Washington, but he declined to comment.

Attempted Sabotage

The seized ships totalling 296,715 tons, announced the Coast-guard Service in Washington yesterday.

Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State defended the Government's action at his press conference. He said he would not talk at present about the final disposition of the ships.

Mr. Hull had not heard anyone question the absolute legality of the seizure, and emphasised that justification for it was based on the fact that attempted sabotage in the ships endangered American ports.

The Formula

Asked whether the seizure could be construed as a step towards war, Mr. Hull replied that the United States Government had for some time pursued a course of aid to Britain and other nations under a formula of all available aid short of war.

"That is the formula followed so far," he added.

Four Danish ships in the Philippines, aggregating 23,000 tons, were taken into "protective custody" by the U.S. Navy yesterday.

Admiral Thomas Hart, Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Asiatic Fleet, explained the action was taken in order to prevent sabotage by the crews. — Reuter.

First Step

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]
The seizure of 56 Italian, Ger-

ELEVENTH QUIET NIGHT RUNNING

London had no air raid warning last night. This was the eleventh quiet night running, though over and around Britain last night there was again slight enemy activity, mainly off the north-east coast.

Raiders were reported over several other areas but up to a late hour no incidents were reported. — Reuter.

STOP PRESS

R.A.F. KEEPS UP AN AVERAGE

R.A.F. FIGHTER PILOTS AND A.A. DEFENCES DESTROYED ENEMY AIRCRAFT AT AN AVERAGE RATE OF 50 A MONTH SINCE JANUARY 1, OVER AND AROUND ENGLAND.

Total "bag" for the first quarter of 1941 was 155.

Fighter Command losses for the first quarter of the year were 41 aircraft, states the Air Ministry news service. — Reuter.

man and Danish ships in United States waters by coast guards represents the first step towards possible requisition of the ships by the American Government for use in the Pacific, according to a Washington message, while American ships may be transferred from the Pacific route to the Atlantic.

In the case of the 35 Danish ships seized it is stated that they may be purchased for fears that the Germans and Italians might sabotage them. — International News Service.

BELGRADE BLAZES DEFIANCE OF THREAT

(Continued from Page 1)
but it is well known that there are some mechanised units on the Austrian frontier, and it is easy to send further concentrations from western Rumania while the large number of railway lines radiating southward from Budapest would enable the Germans to mass troops very quickly along the long, flat Yugoslav frontier.

In the event of aggression the Yugoslav army must be expected immediately to take up mountain positions, as the flat frontier would be ideally suited to a German air and tank "blitz." — Reuter.

"Deeply Deplored"

"The departure from Yugoslavia of a number of German citizens is probably the result of some regrettable incidents due to irresponsible persons on the occasion of the patriotic demonstrations of March 27 and March 28."

A semi-official statement announcing this was issued in Belgrade yesterday, adding: "These incidents were deeply deplored and condemned both by the Government and public opinion generally."

"With regard to them the Government calls on the population to remain calm in all circumstances and to pay no

attention to alarmist rumours. "It is doing all in its power to dispel any suspicion regarding its desire to maintain good relations with its neighbours." — Reuter.

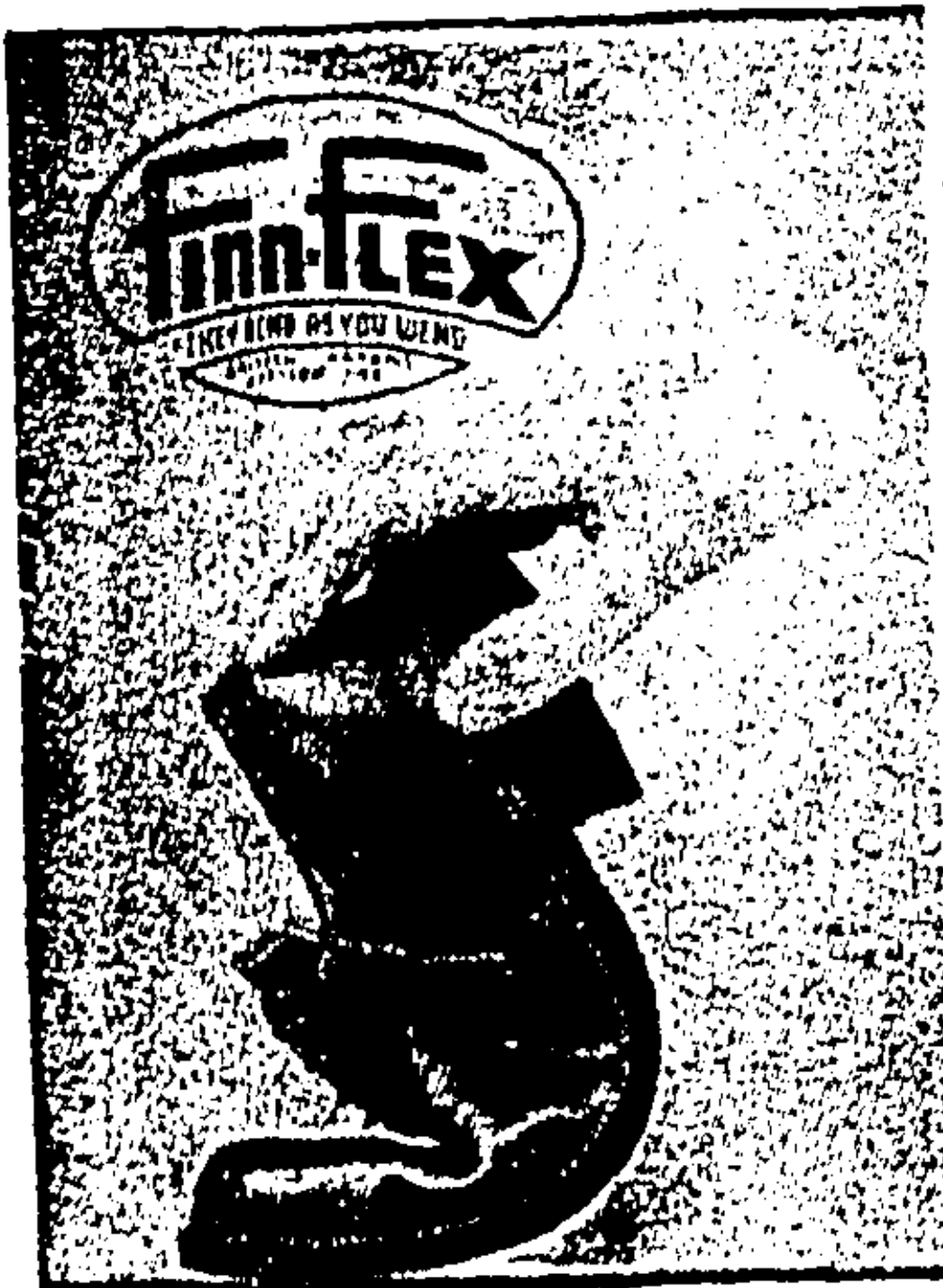
Morale Excellent

Agency messages from Belgrade comment on the excellent state of morale which prevails all over the country now that the public is satisfied they have a Government which represents them faithfully in their patriotic determination to maintain their neutrality so long as they are permitted by the axis to do so and at all costs to preserve their independence.

Serbs, Croats and Slovenes alike, it is said, face the future with a new confidence in themselves and show no sign of being greatly impressed or unduly perturbed by the latest manifestations of the nerve war. So far these have been of a kind to suggest the rather half-hearted employment of the weapon, as though it has been used more or less from habit, while Berlin collects its thoughts.

The Yugoslav Minister in Berlin is stated to have arrived in Belgrade to report to his government. — British Wireless.

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[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

A British broadcast was picked up in New York last night saying that the Italian battleship damaged in Friday's battle "seems to have been sunk."

When the British Fleet arrived unscathed in Alexandria yesterday, it was revealed that German technical experts were on board at least some of the seven Italian warships sunk.

In addition to the five vessels at first announced to have been sunk, two more, a cruiser, the Giovanni delle Bandiere, and a destroyer, are believed to have been destroyed.

Nearly 1,000 Italian survivors were picked up and several hundred more would have been rescued except for German dive-bombers.

It is predicted in Alexandria that Germany will soon redouble her efforts to secure the French fleet, possibly in return for a promise to liberate a certain number of French prisoners of war.—International News Service.

ADDIS ABABA ISOLATED

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

Completion of the occupation of Dire Dawa by British forces means that the railway has been cut and Addis Ababa isolated.

British forces in Eritrea are advancing rapidly on Asmara, and a "general forward movement" is developing in all sectors in Abyssinia towards the capital. Great numbers of prisoners and a huge amount of war material being captured.—International News Service.

MOBILISATION RUMOUR

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

It was reported in Budapest yesterday that Bulgaria has ordered general mobilisation.—International News Service.

Von Heeren To Carry Reply To Hitler Message

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS WERE MOUNTED IN THE STREETS OF BELGRADE YESTERDAY WHILE THE MASS EXODUS OF AXIS NATIONALS CONTINUED AND THE YUGOSLAV MINISTER IN BERLIN RETURNED TO BELGRADE "WITH A SPECIAL MESSAGE" FROM HITLER.

FORMAL AXIS PROTESTS IN WASHINGTON

The German and Italian Embassies in Washington yesterday formally protested against the seizure of Axis vessels in American ports.

Exact nature of the protests is not known.—International News Service.

ITALY ODDLY QUIET

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A message from Rome states that the Italian Government and Press are surprisingly quiet about the seizure of 28 Italian vessels in United States ports.

It is recalled that about a month ago Italian papers warned the United States against seizure of their ships, a step which they indicated would be regarded as a hostile act.—International News Service.

VENTURED TOO FAR

AN ENEMY FIGHTER WHICH VENTURED OVER THE CHANNEL YESTERDAY WAS DESTROYED BY R.A.F. FIGHTERS. IT WAS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED IN LONDON.

This is the only item of daylight activity by the enemy which the Air Ministry has to report.—Reuter.

The German Minister in Belgrade, von Heeren, is preparing to leave for Berlin, presumably for consultation. It is emphasised in Belgrade that diplomatic relations with Germany have not been broken off.

General Simovitch, the Premier, yesterday considered the German message and drafted a reply which von Heeren will carry to Hitler.

With a German invasion threatening, Yugoslavia is seeking Turkish aid.

A high Government official in Belgrade declared yesterday: "The situation looks hopeless but personally I do not believe the danger of war is imminent." Surface indications, however, point to the contrary.

Border Strengthened

As tension increased, heavy reinforcements were sent to five borders.

Thousands of Germans and Italians are leaving the country by steamer, plane and automobile. Papers in the German and Italian Legations have been burned.

AXIS SHIPS TO FIGHT BLOCKADE?

Rumours are strengthening in Rio de Janeiro that Axis ships are gathering in mid-ocean for convoy under the protection of German battle-cruisers.

These rumours coincide with the sailing of the Italian freighters Franco Martelli from Recife, Brazil, and the Friso from Fortaleza, Brazil, 24 hours after the departure of the German steamer Dresden from Santos.

The vessels, in clearing at Brazilian ports on Sunday, gave Oslo as destination. The Franco Martelli is a tanker recently released from embargo when Italian financiers at San Paulo forwarded funds to pay her debts.—Reuter.

Dramatic Call To Yugoslavia

TO BE READY

General Simovitch, the Yugoslav Prime Minister, yesterday issued an Order of the Day which was broadcast to the nation.

The manifesto declared: "The interests of the country and the nation demand that the people shall guard their own houses and, if necessary, even defend them at the cost of their lives, for the sake of the Fatherland, the King and the nation."

"OUR ARMY, AIR FORCE AND NAVY ARE PREPARED TO DO THEIR DUTY."—REUTER.

RUMANIA STOPS OIL SUPPLIES

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

A MESSAGE FROM BUCHAREST STATES THAT ALL OIL SUPPLIES FROM RUMANIA TO YUGOSLAVIA HAVE BEEN HALTED.

NO REASON HAS BEEN GIVEN BY RUMANIA TO YUGOSLAVIA FOR THIS ACTION.—INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.

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Full Story Of Shattering Defeat: Barham's Battery

FULLER DETAILS OF THE CRUSHING DEFEAT OF THE ITALIAN FLEET IN THE MEDITERRANEAN, WHICH CROWNED THE GREAT-EST WEEK OF THE WAR, SHOW THE ENEMY SUFFERED ALMOST CERTAIN LOSSES OF SEVEN WARSHIPS — FOUR CRUISERS AND THREE DESTROYERS — WHILE A BATTLESHIP OF THE LITTORIO CLASS WAS SERIOUSLY DAMAGED BY THE REPEATED POUNDING OF FLEET AIR ARM TORPEDOES.

With the return of the British Fleet to Alexandria, without a man hurt or a ship scratched, the full story is revealed how the enemy forces were lured to destruction by a British cruiser.

The Italians were taken completely by surprise when the 30,000-ton Warspite, leading the British Fleet and followed by the battleships Barham and Valiant, began a chase lasting 12 hours and demolished an enemy cruiser already hit by aerial torpedoes by salvos of broadsides, leaving our destroyers to race in to finish the job.

Back in port, Admiral Cunningham paid a great tribute to the personnel of his fleet for skilful manoeuvring and to the Air Arm for the untiring efforts which, between them, contributed to the greatest naval victory of the war.

First news of the Italian fleet's activity was an air reconnaissance report sent in on Thursday. It stated an enemy force was steaming eastward near Cape Passaro, southernmost tip of Sicily.

With dramatic suddenness, the British Fleet immediately sailed to contact the enemy.

Near Crete

On Friday morning, one battleship of the Littorio class and a force of enemy cruisers were contacted by our light forces southward of the western end of Crete, while further air reconnaissance reported a second force, comprising two battleships, cruisers and destroyers, further to the north. The Fleet Air Arm and the R.A.F. immediately attacked the former, seriously damaging the

Littorio battleship, reducing her speed considerably, while several hits were also registered on cruisers and destroyers.

Attempt To Scatter

While aircraft and light forces thus maintained contact with the enemy, who endeavoured to scatter and return to his base, the battleships followed up.

They were able to make contact only as darkness fell, the chase towards the Italian shores having lasted about 12 hours and covered some 200 miles.

The leading ship of the British Battle Fleet, Warspite which opened fire with her 16-inch guns from a distance of just under two miles.

EFFECT OF WARSPITE'S FIRE WAS DEVASTATING. THE ENEMY CRUISER FIUME LIT UP THE SURROUNDING SEA BY A VIOLENT BURST OF RED FLAME EXTENDING FROM THE FOREMOST FUNNEL TO THE AFTER GUN TURRET.

One observer said the after turret itself was blown clean over the side.

While the ship was thus blazing, Warspite poured in a further broadside, causing a fresh outburst of flame.

By now the entire Battle Fleet was in action, the whole scene being lit up by gunfire, blazing ships and searchlights.

Before the enemy had any chance to reply a second cruiser, the Zara, was burning fiercely, when she received a broadside from Warspite.

A third cruiser, the Pola, was likewise dealt with by the other British battleships, the whole action taking a matter of seconds.

Besides Warspite the battleships Barham and Valiant and the destroyers Havock and Greyhound participated in the action.

Notable Success

In his "well done" signal to the warships on their return to port, Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham said: "I am most grateful to all in the Fleet for their support on this, as on all other occasions.

"The operations just concluded have given us a notable success and supremacy.

"The skilful handling of our cruisers and the untiring efforts of our Fleet Air Arm kept me well informed of enemy movements, and the well-pressed home attacks of torpedo-bomber aircraft on the Littorio so reduced the speed of the enemy fleet that we were able to gain contact during the night and inflict heavy damage.

"The devastating effect of the battleships' gunfire are ample reward for months of patient training. This work was completed by the destroyers in the admirable way we have come to expect of them."

Cruiser Surrendered

The Italian cruiser Pola surrendered to the destroyer Jervis after

GERMANS FOUND ON ITALIAN SHIPS

Among the survivors from the Italian cruisers and destroyers sunk in the Mediterranean are 35 German officers, petty officers and gunners, according to an Athens telegram received in London yesterday, says Reuter.

ANOTHER GLORIOUS PAGE

General Auchinleck, Commander-in-Chief in India, has issued a message congratulating the Indian divisions who played the important part in the capture of Keren, in which connection he said he had received messages of appreciation from Sir John Dill and Sir Archibald Wavell.

A despatch received in New Delhi from an Indian Army eyewitness, describes how Indian and British units triumphed, fighting side by side, and mentioning that officers with experience of the Indian North-West Frontier were of opinion that the terrain round Keren was even more exacting and difficult.

Fighting took place in a temperature of 108 degrees in the shade, while our troops faced the cream of the enemy forces.

It is pointed out that the Battle of Keren demanded of the Indian troops even higher qualities than for their earlier successes at Sidi Barrani, Gallabat, Agordat and Barentu, and their new success has added a further glorious page to their record.—Reuter.

Led Into Trap

How the Italian warships were led into a trap is now revealed.

The cruiser Orion (sister-ship of Achilles and Ajax of Gral Spee fame) contacted the enemy ships and lured them towards the British Battle Fleet for about four hours until the enemy battleship, stated to be the 35,000-ton Vittorio Veneto, was damaged by the Fleet Air Arm.

After this, the Italians, possibly scenting a trap in Orion's tactics, turned about. When the enemy retired, the objective of the British light forces was to try to cut off the damaged enemy battleship, which was then reported 30 miles distant, heading for Italy listing and badly down by the stern.

Stricken Pola

British light forces carried out a circling movement at full speed in order to place themselves ahead of the enemy despite the fact that the latter was much heavier and superior in force, but no contact was made and it was found that the cruisers Fiume and Zara, which previously had been accompanying the Vittorio Veneto, had returned to help the stricken cruiser Pola.

This move either indicated they did not realise the full strength of the distant British Battle Fleet or was designed to create a diversion to enable the Italian battleship to escape.

Sea Of Men

It was while the British light forces were searching for the enemy battleship that the British Battle Fleet blasted the Fiume and Zara.

As the destroyer flotilla led by Jervis approached the scene of the blazing Italian cruisers, the sea was filled with 700 or 800 men, some of whom were picked up, but the British ships were unable to wait as other Italian ships were menacing and the cruiser Pola, though motionless, was still unaccounted for.

As Jervis approached, Pola flung out a large white sheet, her crew were drawn up on the quarterdeck, apparently ready to surrender, and the Pola's private papers and ship's books were burning beneath the after gun turret.

Gangplank Rescue

A gangplank was thrown across between the quarterdecks of the Pola and Jervis, and the surrendering Italians clambered on board.

While the Pola was surrendering, the remaining British destroyers were circling round picking up survivors.

The prisoners included a naval war correspondent who was

GAS TEST IN KENT

FOLLOWING THE HOME SECRETARY'S ADVICE IN A RECENT SPEECH THAT THE POPULATION OF BRITAIN SHOULD BE READY AT ANY TIME TO FACE GAS ATTACK, THE RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT AND MAIN SHOPPING AREA OF KINGSTON-ON-THAMES YESTERDAY WERE THE SCENE OF "GAS EXERCISES."

Tear gas was released and people in the streets immediately put on gas masks, it being noteworthy that children responded most quickly to the danger.

Wardens were stationed to give necessary advice to those who seemed unable to use masks satisfactorily but generally the public, including drivers of vehicles, responded well.—British Wireless.

NIZAM'S OFFER

It was announced to-day that the Nizam of Hyderabad has offered £150,000 to the Viceroy to be placed at the disposal of the Admiralty to provide a corvette for immediate use in combating the submarine menace in the Atlantic.—Reuter.

also an artist. He said he had already prepared a picture of British ships sinking but tore it up when he found it was the Italians and not the British who were being sunk.

An interesting point in regard to this action is that the British were able to pick out the Italians in the darkness before they themselves were seen.

Signal Victory

A large measure of the success must be credited to the superiority of the British optical instruments to the German instruments used by the Italians.

The ceaseless practice of the British Fleet in night fighting also undoubtedly contributed to the signal victory.

It seems probable the Italians put to sea in an attempt to intercept British convoys.

Asked whether he thought the Italians put to sea under German control, Sir Andrew Cunningham expressed the opinion that they probably did so under German instigation.—Reuter.



Aerial Torpedo entering the water after being launched by a Fairey Swordfish aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm. (Copy from the Admiralty.)

BELGRADE BLAZES DEFIANCE OF THREAT Declines To Cower In Blackout

ANOTHER SHARP RAID ON TRIPOLI

Another heavy raid on Tripoli was made on Sunday, in continuance of the R.A.F. support of the army operations in Abyssinia and elsewhere. R.A.F. bombers on Sunday bombed and machine-gunned enemy positions. All our aircraft returned safely from these operations.—Reuter.

MOUNTING SCORE OF A.A. GUNS

Since January 1 R.A.F. fighter pilots and the A.A. defences have been destroying enemy aircraft at the average rate of 30 per month, says the Air Ministry news service.

Total bag for the first quarter of 1941 has been 155—up to six p.m. on March 31. Of this total pilots of the R.A.F. Fighter Command claim the lion's share with 94 definitely destroyed.

A.A. gunners have brought down 51 and destruction of the remaining ten is credited to the balloon barrage defences and to "other causes." Fighter Command losses for the first quarter of the year have been 41 aircraft.

Thus the Fighter Command continues to claim more than two enemy machines for every one of its own despite the Luftwaffe abandonment of mass daylight raids in favour of cloud-hopping hit and run tactics.

Biggest bag on any one series of operations since January fell to night fighters of the R.A.F. who, on March 13, shot down eight enemy bombers. The previous night they accounted for four and on the following night three.

R.A.F. Sweeps

Nor has the Fighter Command been solely on the defensive since the New Year began. Early in January the first of a series of sweeps was carried out over enemy occupied territory.

In three months 14 offensive sweeps have been made and on seven, fighters escorted a bomber formation on successful bombing raids.

Another outstanding feature of the three months record is the rapidly mounting score of the A.A. gunners. On each of two nights they destroyed four raiders, their best month being March, when they accounted for 23 enemy aircraft definitely destroyed.—British Wireless.

VITTORIO VENETO IDENTIFIED

THE ENEMY BATTLESHIP DAMAGED IN THE MEDITERRANEAN BATTLE WAS THE 35,000-TON VITTORIO VENETO, OF THE LITTORIO CLASS, STATED THE CAPTAIN OF THE SUNK ITALIAN CRUISER EGOLA IN ALEXANDRIA YESTERDAY.—REUTER.

THE LIGHTS OF BELGRADE STILL BLAZE DEFIANTLY AT NIGHT DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE CITY IS MERELY MINUTES FLIGHT FROM THE NEAREST GERMAN AIR BASE IN RUMANIA.

There has been no blackout in Belgrade since the crisis blew up while all the time Bucharest covers under blackout conditions.

This is typical of the difference in outlook of the two cities.

The German exodus from Belgrade continues. The German Minister, von Heeren, himself saw off 1,100 German civilians as they left Belgrade by special Danube steamer on Sunday night.

Passengers included hundreds of the notorious "tourists." These left messages with their landlords saying, "We shall be back in a month."

Most of them left their furniture in Belgrade and are keeping on the tenancy of their Nazi-paid apartments.

British Women Leave

At the request of the British Minister, Sir Ronald Campbell, nearly all British women in Belgrade left on Sunday night for Istanbul.

A special train last night took the remaining Germans to Vienna. Italians already have disappeared.

German Troops

Precise reports in regard to German troops on the Yugoslav frontier are very difficult to confirm, but it is well known that there are some mechanised units on the Austrian frontier, and it is easy to send further concentrations from western Rumania while the large number of railway lines radiating southward from Budapest would enable the Germans to mass troops very quickly along the long, flat Yugoslav frontier.

In the event of aggression the Yugoslav army must be expected immediately to take up mountain positions, as the flat frontier would be ideally suited to a German air and tank "blitz"—Reuter.

"Deeply Deplored"

"The departure from Yugoslavia of a number of German citizens is probably the result of some regrettable incidents due to irresponsible persons on the occasion of the patriotic demonstrations of March 27 and March 28."

A semi-official statement announcing this was issued in Belgrade yesterday, adding: "These incidents were deeply deplored and condemned both by the Government and public opinion generally."

"With regard to them the Government calls on the population to remain calm in all circumstances and to pay no attention to alarmist rumours."

"It is doing all in its power to dispel any suspicion regarding its desire to maintain good relations with its neighbours."—Reuter.

Morale Excellent

Agency messages from Belgrade comment on the excellent state of morale which prevails all over the country now that the public is satisfied they have a Government which represents them faithfully in their patriotic determination to maintain their neutrality so long as they are permitted by the axis to do so and at all costs to preserve their independence.

Serbs, Croats and Slovenes alike, it is said, face the future with a new confidence in themselves and show no sign of being greatly impressed or unduly perturbed by the latest manifestations of the nerve war. So far these have been of a kind to suggest the rather half-hearted employment of the weapon, as though it has been used more or less from habit, while Berlin collects its thoughts.

The Yugoslav Minister in Berlin is stated to have arrived in

EFFORT TO GET SURFACE RAIDERS

Two German surface raiders, Scharnhorst and Gneisenau, used in attacks on Atlantic shipping, were berthed in Brest, one in dry dock and the other alongside the quay, when a powerful force of aircraft of the Bomber Command were despatched on Sunday night to this most Western port on the French coast, says the Air Ministry news service.

The attacks fell most heavily on parts of the harbour where the German raiders were known to be.

British aircraft came in from every quarter to criss-cross the objectives with bombs among which were some of the most massive used against such a target.

No direct hits on the battle-cruisers are claimed but there is no doubt that their berths were very thoroughly "plastered."

The other attack, on the docks at Calais, was made through gaps in cloud which hung over the port.

Though not comparable in strength with the attack on Brest this raid continued for an hour and a half and good results were reported.—British Wireless.

YUGOSLAVIAN DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY

The Yugoslav Minister in Berlin, M. Amtritch, has gone to Belgrade to inform his Government of the "effect which events in Yugoslavia have produced in Germany."

This was announced in a Berne despatch to the French news agency quoting the newspaper "La Suisse."

The Yugoslav Minister in Moscow, M. Gabrilovitch, has gone to Ankara, according to a Budapest despatch quoting the newspaper "Maynap."

"M. Gabrilovitch is carrying on very important conversations with the Turkish Foreign Minister, Dr. Sarajoglu," the newspaper adds.

"There is no doubt he is personally best informed of the views of the Kremlin and Ankara."—Reuter.

Belgrade to report to his government.—British Wireless.



Asbestos gloves, apron and helmet, complete with an asbestos shuffer are being supplied in Britain as equipment for the fire-bomb fighter and spotter. With this outfit one can deal with an incendiary bomb without any fear of its flames. (Copy-right, Fox).

THEFT FROM ARMY QUARTERS

Two months' hard labour was imposed by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at the Central Magistracy, try Married Quarters, Kennedy Road, yesterday morning.

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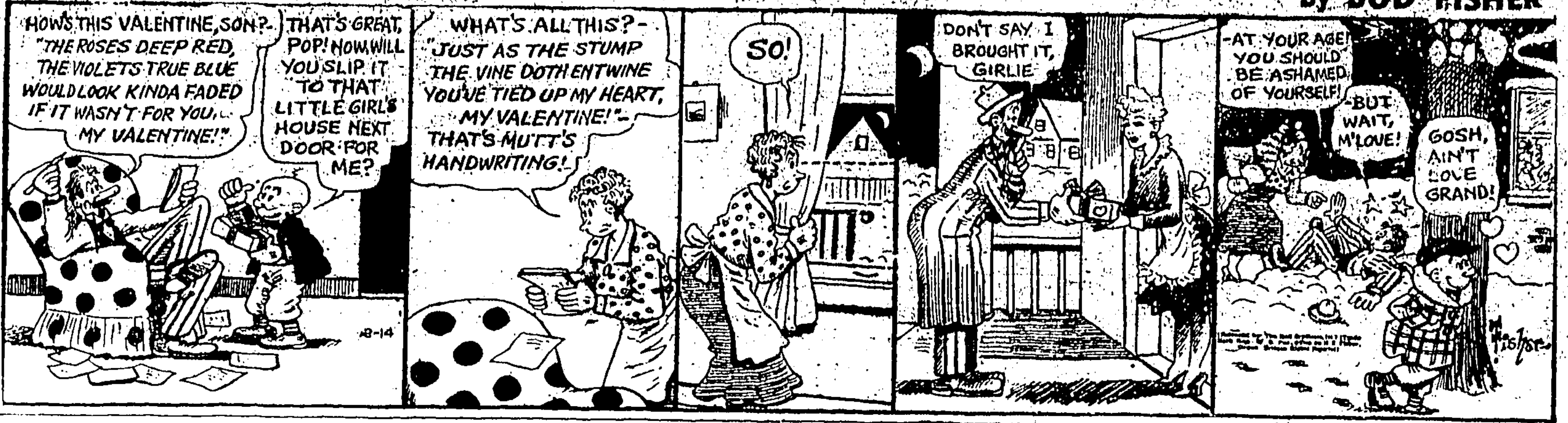
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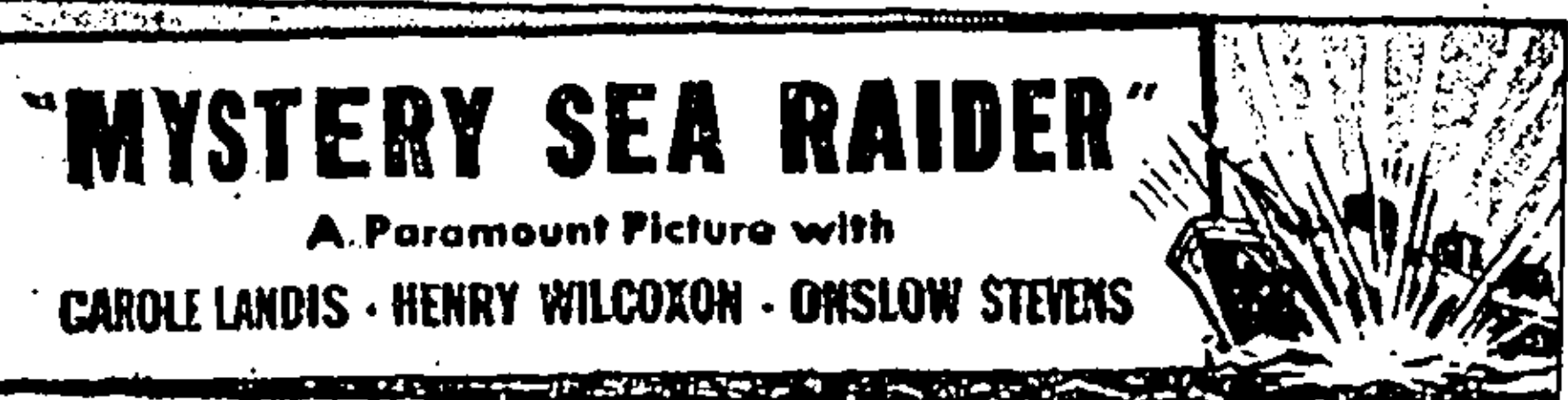


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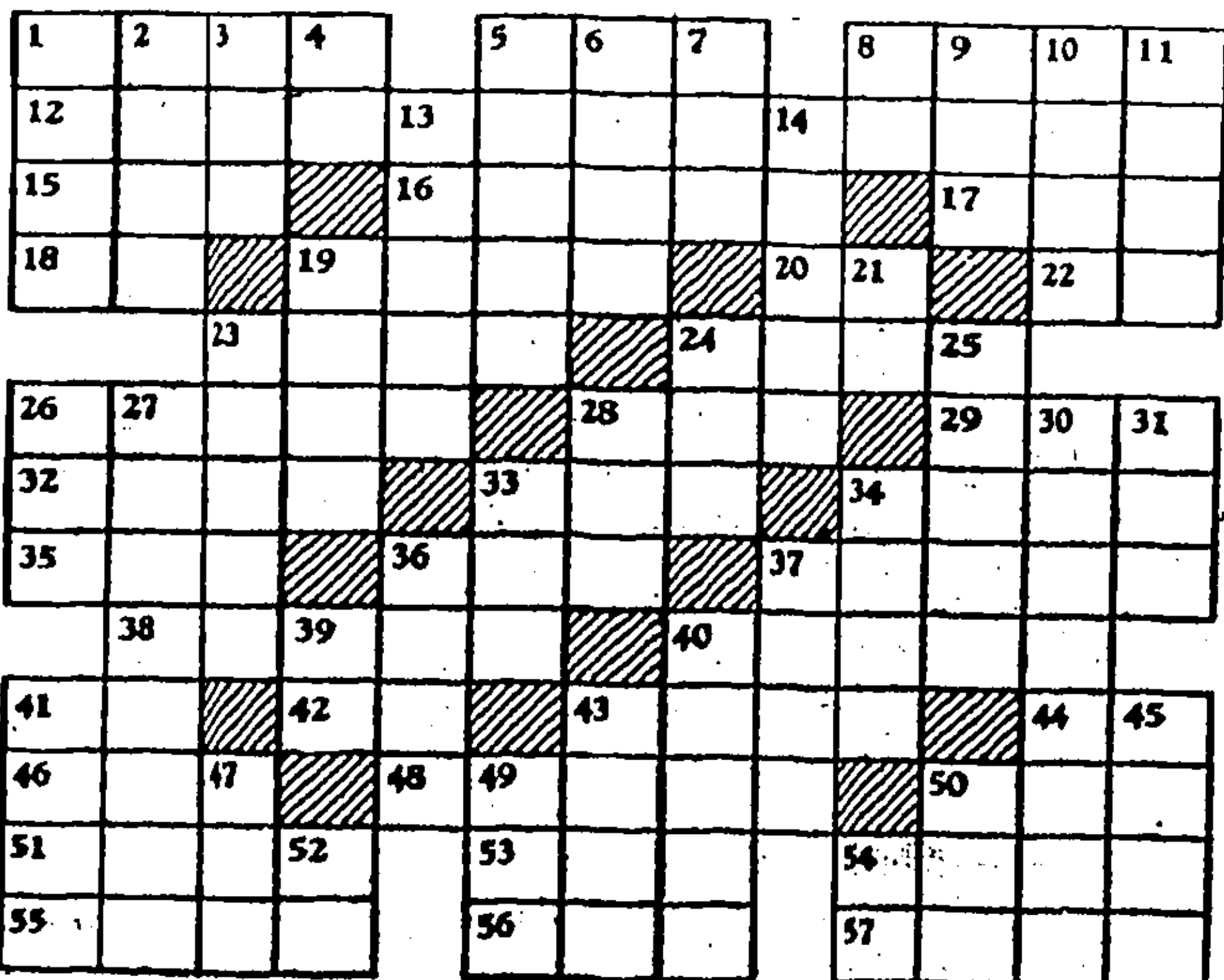


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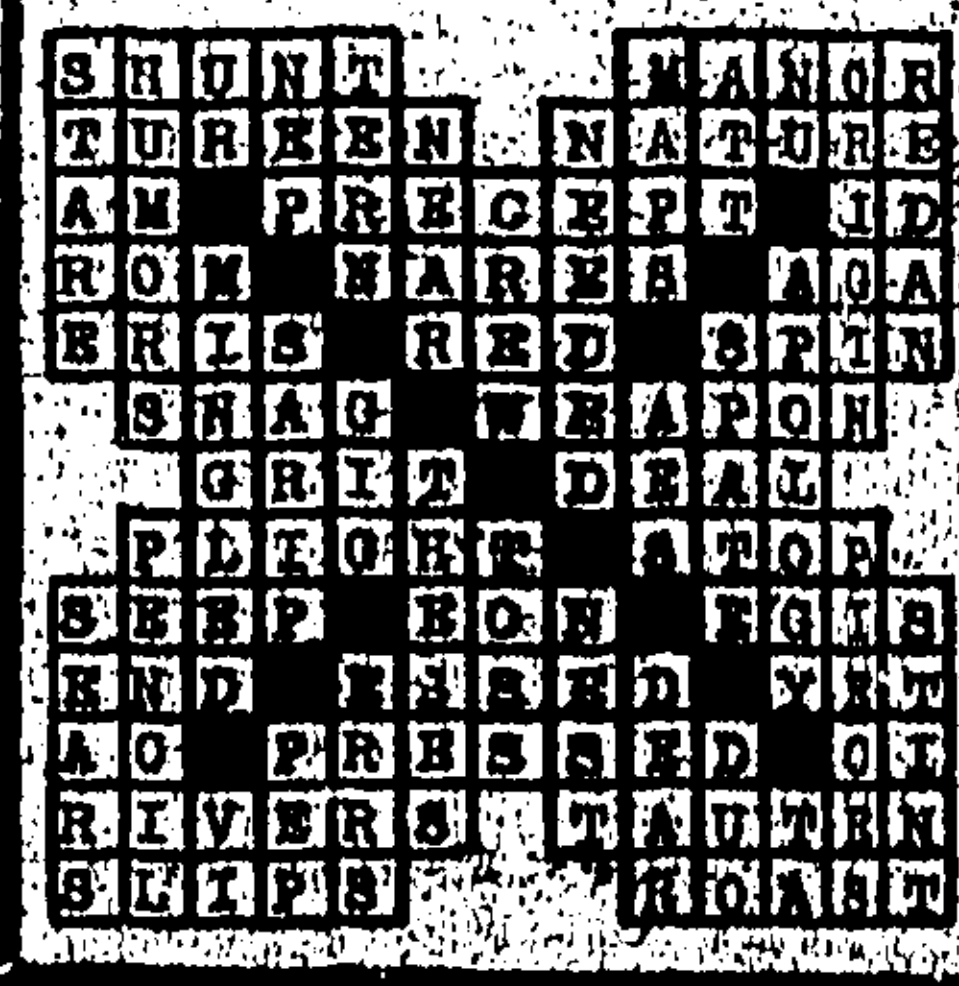
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- 1 Exclamation to attract attention
- 8 Large snake
- 9 Molten rock
- 12 Complete transformation
- 15 Man's name
- 16 Wrathful
- 17 Garden tool
- 18 To act
- 19 Dye plant
- 20 Thus
- 22 Note of scale
- 23 Epic poem
- 24 Set
- 26 To accumulate
- 28 Turn right
- 29 Rodent
- 32 Fit of anger
- 33 The sun
- 34 Garment
- 35 First woman
- 36 To strike
- 37 Beverage made from apples
- 38 Mistake
- 40 To hide
- 41 Land measure
- 42 Exists
- 43 Withered
- 44 Condemning
- 46 Falsehood
- 48 To omit

VERTICAL

- 1 Among
- 2 Chief protagonist of a play
- 3 Greek letter
- 4 Colloquial mother
- 5 Bulgarian ruler
- 6 Loud
- 7 Likely
- 8 Behold!
- 9 Ember

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



GREEKS BREAK THE LULL

The lull on the Albanian front which followed the Italian disastrous offensive attempt has been broken by the Greeks again taking the initiative.

On Sunday several small storm detachments entered the Italian lines at various points, stated Athens radio, inflicting losses, taking prisoners and seizing many machine-guns.

Greek artillery was also active against moving columns but Italian artillery response was weak.

Greek aircraft cooperated, the announcer added, by inflicting severe losses while attacking important targets without, however, any loss to themselves.—Reuter.

GRAND SHOW BY INDIANS

"Our boys were marvelous at Keren, where they eclipsed their own deeds at Sidi Barrani.

"India has every reason to be proud of them," declared the Nawab of Bhopal, to Reuter, on arrival by air in Karachi from a tour of the Middle East, where he visited the Indian troops, including his own State forces.

He added: "I was very fortunate to be at Keren when our troops stormed the town and that was my happiest day. Our boys at the front have been simply magnificent. They fought like giants—God bless them and preserve them.

"They are in the highest spirits, are very fit and being well looked after.

"I felt so proud of the Indian troops, so was the General Officer-Commanding, General Platt." — Reuter.

WAR FUND GIFT

The Tanganyika War Relief and Welfare Fund has sent £500 to the Lord Mayor of London's Air Raid Distress Fund and £100 to the Duke of Gloucester's Red Cross and St. John Fund.—British Wireless.

COMPANY BUYS A SPITFIRE

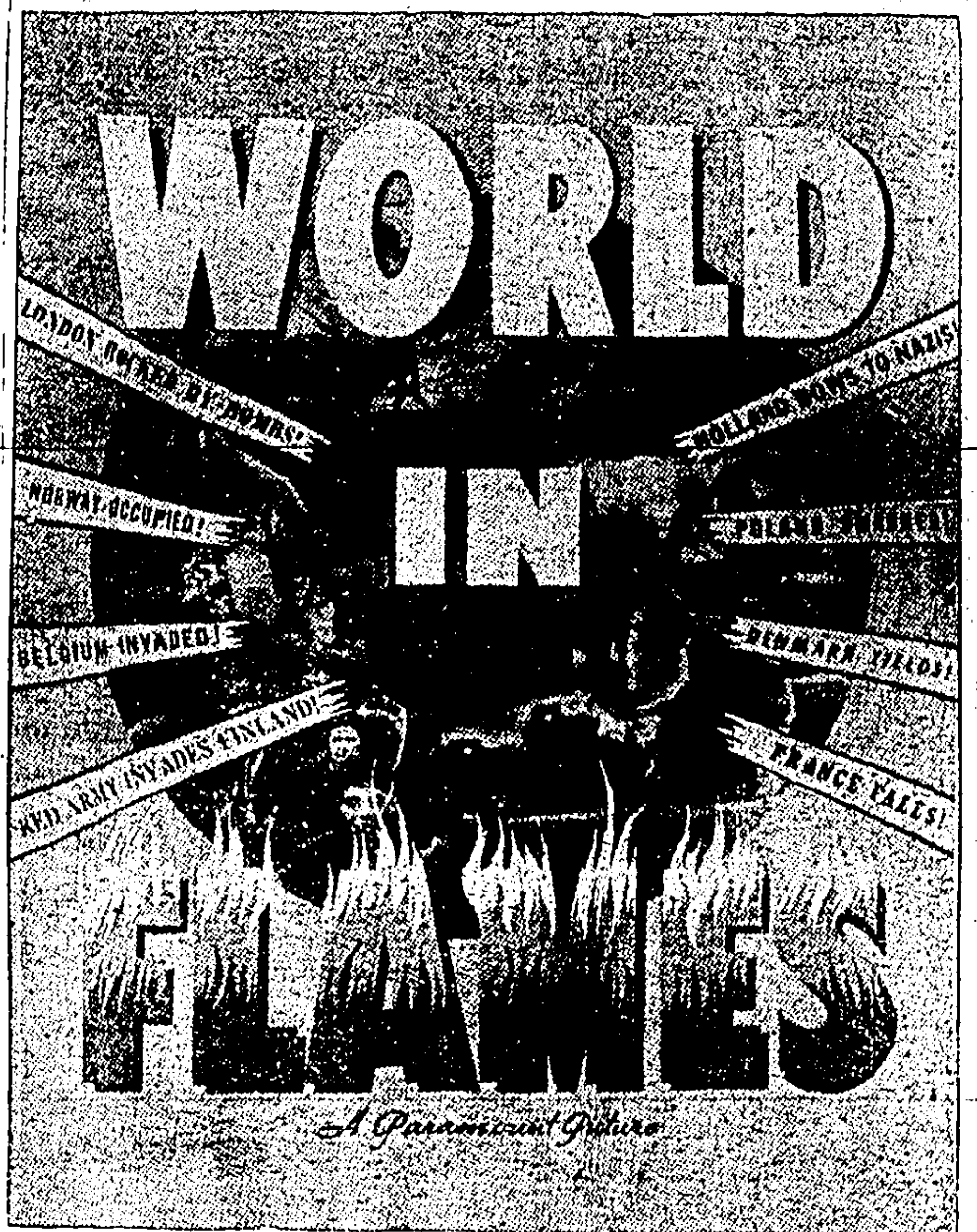
The Union Steel Corporation of South Africa has sent £6,300 for the purchase of a Spitfire.—British Wireless.

OFFICERS' PAY TO STAND

The financial position of other members of the community does not support grounds at present for an increase of officers' pay and uniform allowances, the War Minister said in the Commons.

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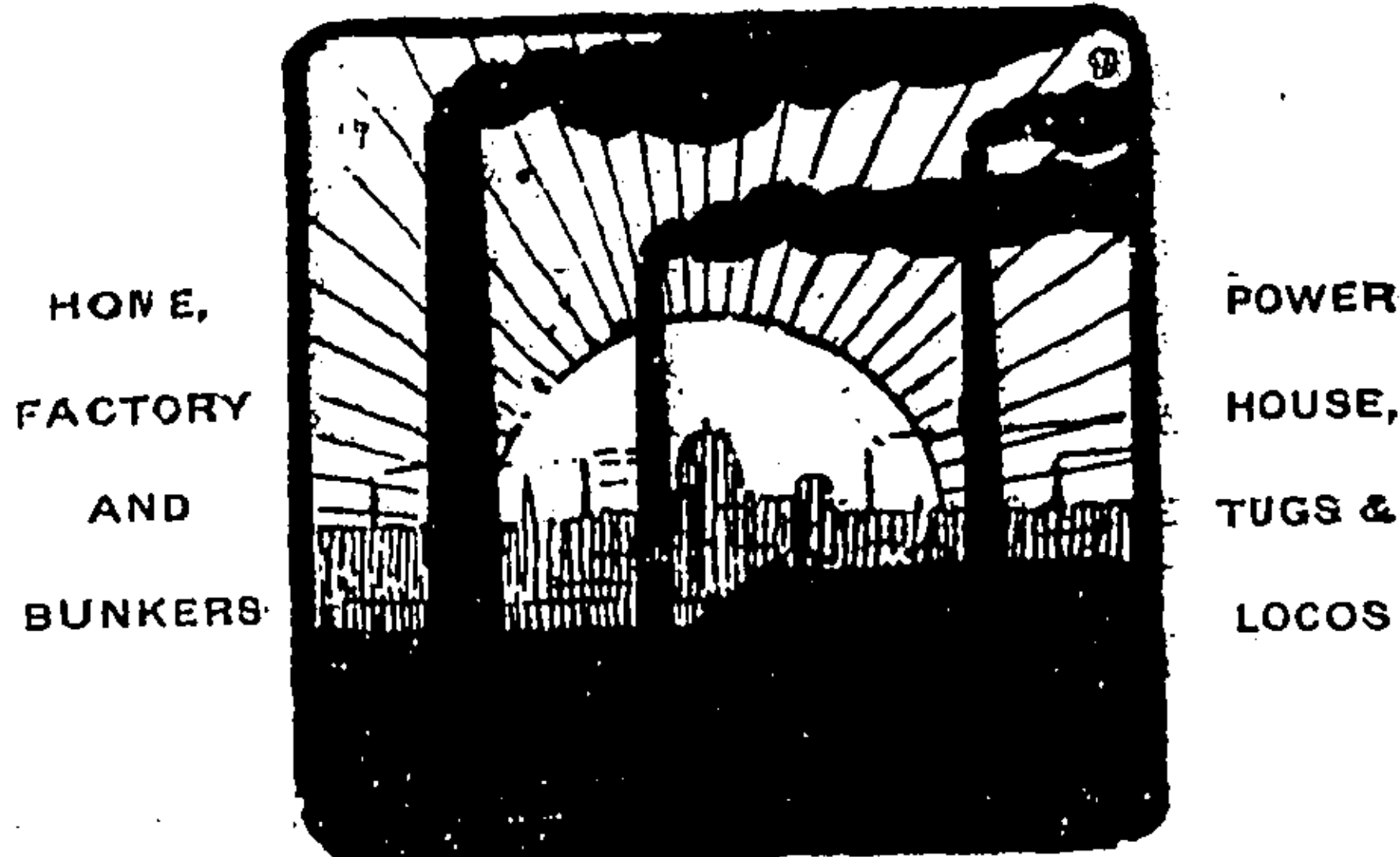
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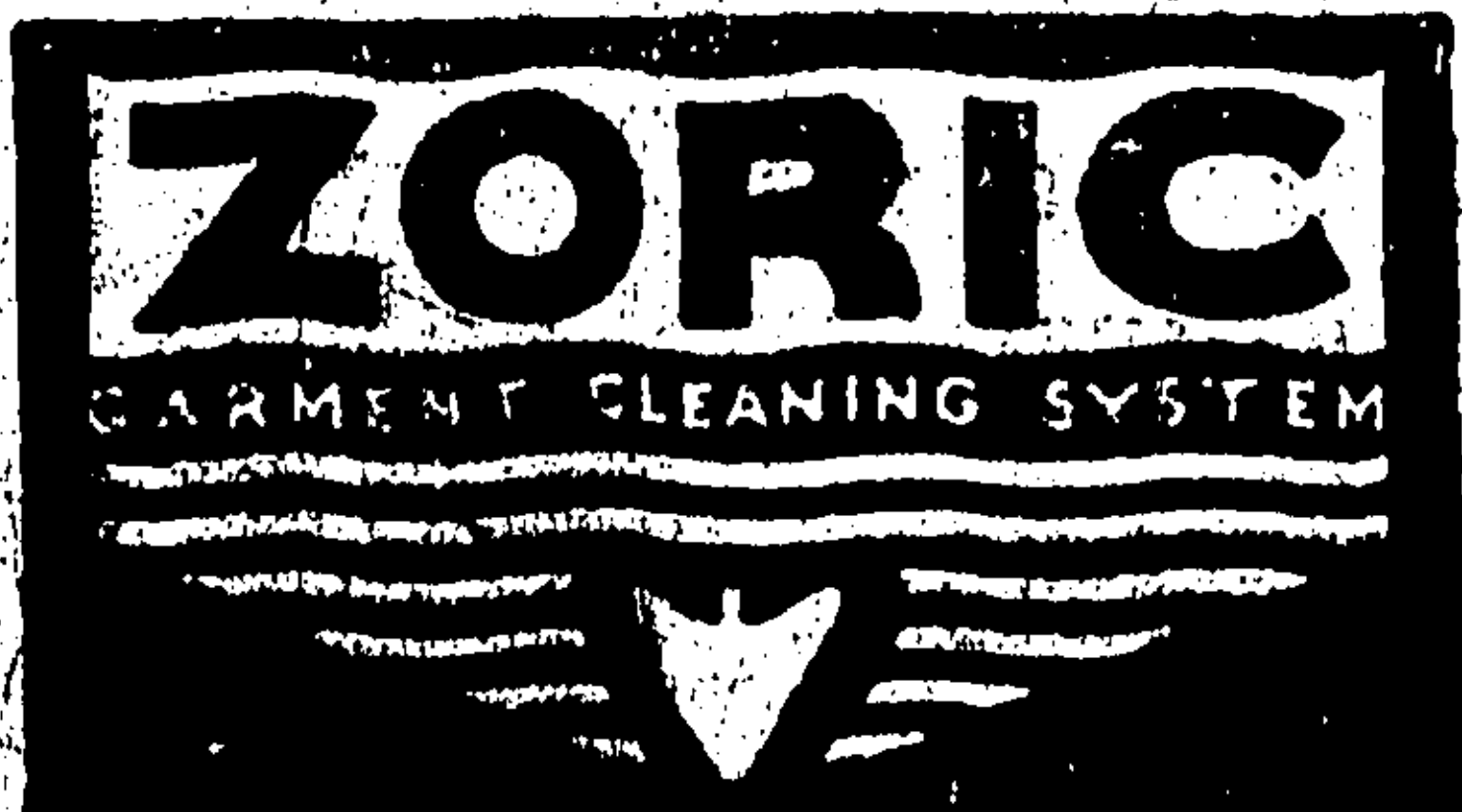


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IMMIGRATION INQUIRY CONCLUDED TO-DAY

PUBLIC HEARINGS by members of the Commission of Inquiry into the Immigration Office were completed this morning at the Supreme Court, when three further witnesses were called.

First new witness was Dr. S. N. Chau and others were Mr. J. M. da Rocha, Hon. Consul for Costa Rica, and Wong Tong, whose name was put on the black list by Mr. Forrest.

The first member of the public to give evidence this morning was Dr. S. N. Chau, of the Hong Kong Sanatorium, who corroborated the contents of his letter to the Commission.

The letter was as follows: "I am a Justice of the Peace and I possess a certificate of Residence issued by the Immigration Office."

On Monday, March 10, I returned from Macao by the s.s. King Shan. I and other passengers in possession of similar certificates proceeded to the gangway but we were told by a Chinese Immigration Officer that we would not be permitted to disembark until all passengers who had passports had landed.

"I and others with me had accordingly to wait for at least 20 minutes whilst those with passports left the ship."

The examination of the passports was done by a European Immigration Officer in the saloon and when I was allowed to land my certificate was examined by the Chinese Immigration Officer at the gangway so that it would have been quite possible for persons with certificates such as mine to have disembarked at the same time as those with passports.

More Complicated

Replying to Mr. Forrest, Dr. Chau said that he would not doubt that the Immigration officials were under instructions to examine passports first and Immigration permits afterwards.

He also did not think the Entry Permits of passengers were examined at all, since there was only one Chinese Immigration Officer at the gangway.

Dr. Chau agreed with Mr. Forrest that passports were more complicated than Immigration certificates and that it would take a longer time to examine passports than Immigration permits.

Mr. Forrest: "At the time you were prevented from going ashore did you know that the Immigration permits were all examined?"

— "No."

Dr. Chau added that he was told by Sir Robert Kotewall that those in possession of passports and Immigration Permits would be allowed to land at the same time.

Mr. J. M. da Rocha of Messrs J. M. da Rocha & Co., said: "I am Honorary Consul for Costa Rica in Hong Kong."

On January 8 last I wrote to the Immigration Officer submitting five applications for entry permits with my guarantee of the applicants' bona fides. On January 10, I received the official receipt for the applications. On January 20 not having heard anything from the Immigration Officer I went there and saw Mr. Weill, an Assistant Immigration Officer, and presented the receipt. After about an hour's search he informed me that he could not trace the applications. I thereupon sent in my Consul's visiting card to Mr. Forrest, and was then brought into his office. He asked me whether I was Consul "air-carriers" and I replied that I was Honorary Consul for Costa Rica. I then told him the facts and he asked me to make fresh applications and to cancel his receipt for the original ones. He further asked me in future to hand all applications to him personally.

A few days later I handed fresh applications to the Immigration Officer in person. He instructed a clerk to stamp them "urgent" and told me to call for them the following day. I did so and received the five entry permits.

On the February 18, I went to the Immigration Office to obtain a visa for my wife's passport as she wished to go urgently to Kailan on the V. "Cramer" which was sailing on the 22nd

February. In addition I wished to obtain an entry permit for her Chinese nurse who was to accompany her. The matter was urgent as the object of the visit was to visit a nephew Mr. Michael Dugy who was dangerously ill in Amoy Hospital.

"Get Out"

I saw Mr. M. W. Lo go into Mr. Forrest's office—the door of which is not marked "private"—and in fact there are a number of clerks working there—but on seeing me the Immigration Officer without enduring the purpose of my visit, told me very roughly to "get out" and to see the Chinese clerk.

Accordingly I went to a Chinese clerk in the General Office; and although I told him that my application was urgent and informed him of the fact that I was a Consul he insisted upon proof of the urgency and I had to produce a letter showing that the circumstances I had related above were facts. He then stated that he would treat the matter as urgent and that if I returned the next day the visa for my wife's passport would be ready, but that with regard to the nurse's entry permit, I must go to see the "General Agent" at 3a Wyndham Street to whom he wrote a memo as to the urgency of the matter.

I then left and sent my clerk to see the General Agent; he was informed at the Agent's office that he would have to pay a fee of \$2 (being the statutory fee) and in addition \$1 for his, the General Agent's, services in connection with the matter, and that he was to return the next day.

Waited One Hour

On February 19 my clerk returned to Wyndham Street where he was told that the permit would not be available for at least seven days and accordingly, on my instructions, my clerk asked for and received back the application.

I then went to the Immigration Office and saw the chief clerk to whom I related what had happened and he then marked the application form "urgent" and said I could have the permit that afternoon.

In the afternoon I went back to the Immigration Office; and after I had waited for over an hour the clerk produced the form of permit from a bundle where it had been lying apparently completed all the time. He asked me for a fee of \$2 which I refused to pay, showing him the General Agent's receipt, but as he insisted, I paid under protest and the clerk then threw the permit on the counter in front of me.

On the following day my clerk went to the General Agent's Office and recovered the \$2 which he had paid as a statutory fee, but he was refused refund of the \$1 paid in addition, although no services had been rendered by the Agent.

"Engaged"

The Chairman to Mr. Rocha: "I take it that as far as the first visit regarding the five applications is concerned, you have no complaint at all?"

— "No."

As regards your second application, your complaint is one of incivility on the part of Mr. Forrest?"

— "Yes, the treatment to me as Consul for Costa Rica was not expected."

Mr. Forrest to Mr. Rocha: "Now, you said you saw Mr. M. W. Lo go into my office. You must have presumed that I was engaged?"

— "Yes, but I decided to go in on your own previous statement to me to 'Come in and see me in future.' Besides there were no words indicating 'Private' on your door."

"Were there many chairs in my office?"— "There must have been for you invited me to sit in one of them."

"Get Out"

"What treatment did you expect? — I expected you to say you were busy and to ask me to wait outside, but instead, you said 'Get out.'"

"Did I not say, 'Please wait outside'?"— "No, you said 'Get out and see a clerk.'"

"Do you remember that I was wearing glasses?"— "No."

"If I say I was wearing glasses at that time, would you accept my statement that when wearing glasses I could see a person and yet not recognise him?"— "No, I was close enough for you to recognise."

"Would you accept my statement that I have a very bad memory as regards faces?"— "No."

"Not Priority"

"Would you accept my statement that I did not know who you were this morning until just now?"— "You said 'Good morning' to me and I replied 'Good Morning.'"

"You expected priority?"— "Not priority. I expected consideration. I expected the clerk to take my word, as Consul for Costa Rica, of the urgency of the case."

Mr. Rocha said that the interview was with Mr. Walter Hamming Chen and that "this same gentleman wrote a memo to the General Agent" regarding the case.

Kept Waiting

Referring to the Entry Permit, Mr. Rocha said that the certificate must have been ready when he arrived in the afternoon to obtain it. In spite of this he had to wait for an hour before it was available.

The certificate was taken from a bundle which he saw lying on a desk when he entered the office.

"It must have been lying there all the time I was kept waiting," declared Mr. Rocha, explaining that he saw it taken from a bundle which was on the desk "all the time I was there."

"After keeping me waiting for an hour it was produced on my insistence," he declared.

Questioned by Mr. W. H. Chen, Mr. Rocha replied: "you were certainly very courteous to me."

Another Witness

Mr. Wong Tong, Commissioner for Overseas Affairs of the Chungking Government, said that in his letter to Mr. H. K. Woo, one of the members of the Commission, he expressed his surprise at a notification in the Chinese Press on February 26 by the Immigration Officer stating that Mr. Wong Tong's qualifications to guarantee applications were no longer recognised. He queried the Immigration Officer's authority for inserting such a notice which in effect meant that he was not a proper person to guarantee applications.

In January the General Agent was established and was given exclusive rights for providing photographs for Immigration certificates.

Mr. Wong said that he wrote to the Immigration Officer about all this but had still not received a reply.

In reply to Mr. Forrest, Mr. Wong said that the notification inserted in the Press by Mr. Forrest made the public excited and indignant. Following the appointment of the General Agent, Mr. Wong wrote to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, as Chairman of the Chinese Photographers' Guild.

Newspaper Article

Mr. Forrest then referred witness to an article in a Chinese newspaper and asked if he had any part in it pointing out that the article was liable to incite certain people. Witness said that he did not think so.

Mr. Forrest: "Were you aware that Mr. Kobza's solicitors had written to the newspaper about the article?"— "I don't know."

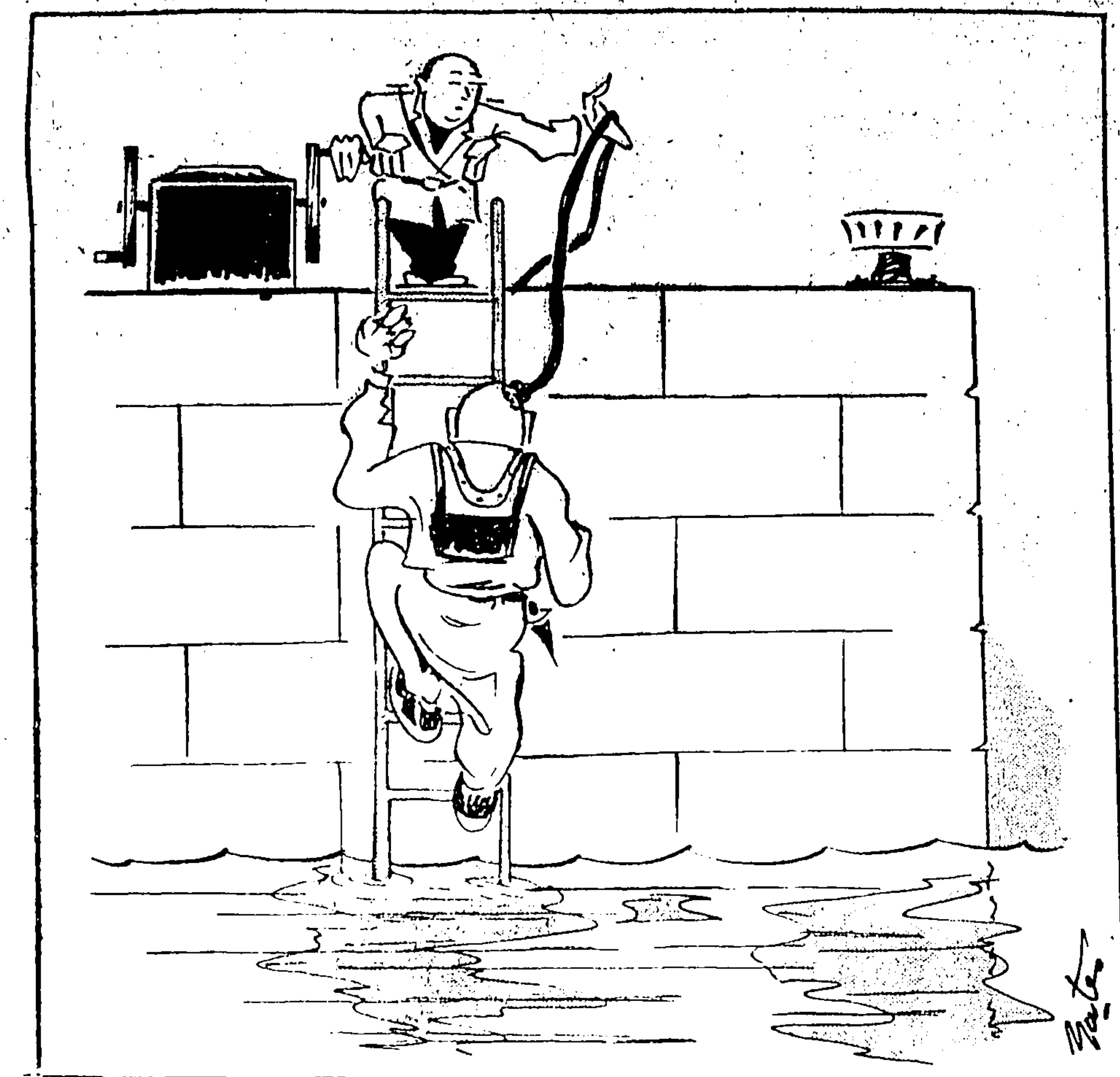
"Is this part of your article?" (Mr. Forrest handed in a translation and pointed out the phrase "as to what is behind the scenes can be imagined.")— "Yes."

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WORDS-OF-ALL-WORK

A large father lately had cause to say to a small daughter, "You're not the only pebble on the beach." On the instant she replied, "Well, you're not the only balloon in the barrage." This is a repartee pleasing in itself and calculated to prick any bubble of portentousness in parents. It is also evidence that our language is no dead, static thing, but is constantly being enriched by new and vivid terms of speech, derived from the events of the moment. War-time is especially prolific, and it is, as a rule, the language of the enemy which provides the greater wealth. Presumably the poor foreigner's words strike our insular minds as absurd. When Robert Louis Stevenson went wandering with his ill-fated donkey, he spoke some words of English to the ladies of Monastier. Each one caused an explosion of laughter, but that over which they could least contain themselves was "bread." They "all got it carefully by heart," we are told, "as a standby for winter evenings." Try it as we will it appears to us a word plain and simple to the point of dullness, and so, for all we know, does "strafe" to the German mind. Yet in the last War "strafe" was not merely a perennial joy but a term of almost universal application, from a full-dress battle to a reproof by a commanding officer. To-day it is as dead as a door-nail, and "blitz" reigns in its stead. Dirk Hatteraick was fond of the word; it was part of the odd, miscellaneous tongue his creator invented for him, but he used it merely as an expletive. Perhaps when "Guy Mannering" was young, small boys, playing at smugglers, may have delightedly whispered it but, if so, it had expired long since. To-day it can signify all that "strafe" did and more also. Leaving on one side its straightforward meaning, all elder persons may be sure that, should they betray impatience, it will be noised among their subordinates that the old man blitzed or was in an awful blitz about it. The future compilers of dictionaries, seeking for the little explanatory sentences they love, may light with a puzzled pleasure on a remark broadcast by Dr. Thomas Wood, when conducting some sea songs. He protested



MUSSOLINI OFF TO REVIEW HIS FLEET

France Under German Control

By
E. B. Wareing

Hitler has so far failed to answer the message from Marshal Petain, received on Christmas Day, in which the Marshal clearly intimated that French integrity and a soldier's honour imposed certain definite limits to collaboration with Germany. He drew a line at any action calculated to give military assistance to France's former enemy.

He indicated that the Armistice terms represented for him a maximum and not merely a starting point for fresh German demands.

He professed himself willing to collaborate still further in the economic sphere.

It is, however, difficult to see how he can do this, for Germany has already established complete economic domination over France. Not only are booty and material seized in State factories and arsenals, sent to Germany as part of the Armistice conditions, but private firms are being compelled

against the gross error of "Hearts of oak are our ships" (in place of "Heart of oak") and then added that if anyone should say the dreadful thing, "Out into the blitz with him." What exactly did he mean by that admirable and vigorous phrase? The dictionary-makers may dispute for ever, and agree only on this—that he meant something thoroughly unpleasant.

At present this word-of-all-work enjoys an oral triumph. It would hardly be admitted even into that familiar style of writing which Hazlitt contrasted unfavourably with the easy one. Time only can show whether it will sink into disrepute or attain a recognised position.

to sell their products against worthless money. The Germans have taken a census of production and have noted every detail of every French business. The banks are completely under German control, business concerns are being bought up by the Germans, and all are linked with the German Ministry of Economics. Hitler, therefore, must feel indifferent to any suggestion for increased economic collaboration since what he needs he can, and does, take—whether in the occupied or unoccupied zone.

In the political sphere the Vichy government continues to walk the tight-rope between democracy and totalitarianism, but its deepest bows are reserved for the totalitarian side. They have been disregarded and in the semi-official warning just given Vichy is clearly told to "collaborate" or face the consequences.

This warning may mean that Hitler will not answer the Petain letter, but after waiting a little longer, will act.

Meanwhile M. Albert, Minister of Justice, has been jettisoned, probably because the Germans suspected him of being responsible for Laval's downfall. M. Bellin has resigned from the Ministry of Labour, presumably because he was unable to discipline the unemployed and hungry masses to the extent which Germany and Italy would have wished to see.

A curious piece of Fascist-inspired legislation is a decree introducing retroactive responsibility for ten years for ministers and other high State officials.

This will make it possible to simplify and expedite the Riom trials, which no one has taken seriously hitherto, should the Germans demand political victims. A bow to democracy may be seen in the constitution of a new National Council of 188 members. This is described by the "Journal Officiel" as a provisional body which will disappear as soon as France has received a new Constitution. It has no legislative power and is solely advisory.

Marshal Petain's intention appears to be to use this body to test public opinion before introducing important departures from the present legislation.

He has consulted M. Jeanneney, President of the Senate, and M. Herriot, President of the Chamber, and has appointed many members of the Council from the ranks of former politicians who are, of course, still in touch with their old constituencies. Among them are M. Jean Fabry, Senator, and ex-Minister of War, M. Chichery, former President of the Radical-Socialist Party, M. Jean Mistler, former President of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Chamber, M. George Bonnet, MM. Eugene Frot, Lamoureux and Jacques Doriot, Colonel de la Rocque (arrested recently by the Germans "by mistake" and released) and numerous others. Altogether there are 27 former Senators and 44 former Deputies. On the non-political side there are over a hundred representatives of various interests—17 industrialists, 21 professional men, 16 workmen, 7 craftsmen and various others, who include Cardinal Suhard, Archbishop of Paris.

The appointment of a prelate on an official body is a new departure. Members of the Council are paid the same salary as that of a Councillor of State. One qualification for selection by the Marshal is parenthood and most of the members have more than four children.

Though the French press concealed the fact that President Roosevelt spoke of "Liberty, Equality and Fraternity" in his New Year message to Marshal Petain, the "Temps" publishes a semi-official statement to put this right. France will not reject this motto, it wrote, but it also accepts the Marshal's device "Order, Family and Work." The "Temps" goes on to say that the French "National Revolution" is animated by a spirit entirely different from that of the German and Italian revolutions; it does not exclude liberty though it limits individualism.

The Press censorship has been lifted in favour of certain foreign correspondents, but not for matter published in France, and all wireless programmes in French except those directly or indirectly under German or Italian control are regularly jammed.

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SUPERB TACT FROM MR. MATSUOKA VERY NECESSARY

LONDON OBSERVERS CONSIDER THAT MR. MATSUOKA WILL REQUIRE ALL THE SUPERB TACT FOR WHICH HIS COUNTRYMEN ARE NOTED TO CONDOLE WITH SIGNOR MUSSOLINI ON THE CRUSHING DEFEAT INFLECTED ON THE ITALIAN FLEET BY THE ROYAL NAVY.

It is even suggested by one or two commentators that Japan's partners in the Tripartite Pact might have shown greater consideration for Mr. Matsuoka's feelings in the timing of his visits to their two capitals.

He arrived in Berlin just in time to witness the overthrow of one of the more notorious of the Nazis' Balkan intrigues by an irresistible revolt of democratic national sentiment, and he must continue his conversations at Rome while the world waits for the final collapse of Fascist resistance in East Africa.

Something of the impression created on the outside world by the astonishing naval engagement of Friday and Saturday is reflected in the words of the New York "Herald-Tribune":

"Admiral Cunningham's artillery has written a thunderous climax to a month already so filled with reverberating successes for the Democratic cause that it is difficult to realise their full scope and effect until one pauses to recapitulate them.

Ides Of March

And March, it must be remembered, has always been Hitler's month. This March has been different.

Mr. Matsuoka is no doubt being supplied with many excuses and explanations of this turn of events but as he moves from the occasional embarrassments of Hitler to the dire straits of Mussolini so shrewd an observer is not likely to miss the lesson that enlisting with the Nazis and fighting their battles has proved an expensive gamble for the man who set up to be a successor to the Caesars.—British Wireless.

CHAINED BOYS LASHED IN ICY DUNGEON

Children in a reformatory school at Denver, Colorado, were chained naked in an icy dungeon and lashed with a padded leather strap and cat-o'-nine-tails.

Some were made to wear a ball and chain, and others were kept in solitary confinement in leg-irons.

These horrors were revealed at an inquiry when the authorities recommended the dismissal of thirty-five school officials.

"As bad as a Nazi concentration camp," was a common comment among Denver residents on learning the facts. Angry men threatened to beat up the school staff.

The dungeon torture chamber was in almost complete darkness when the doors were closed.

Investigator Carl Morse said boys were black and blue from neck to thighs from beatings. "I saw as many as twelve stripes two inches wide down their backs," he said.

Colonel Raymond Combs, stocky, red-haired principal, stuttered excuses as investigators fired questions at him. "Boys were strapped for disregarding orders," he said.

MATSUOKA MEETING IL DUCE

Mr. Matsuoka will meet Mussolini to-day, and will lunch with King Victor.

His audience with the Pope will take place on Wednesday, according to a Rome despatch to Vichy.

The German radio states Mr. Matsuoka has sent a telegram to Ribbentrop saying "I am sure the conversations which I had in such a friendly atmosphere in Germany will lead to a further strengthening of the bonds between the two countries and the creation of a new order in Europe and East Asia."—Reuter.

Mr. Matsuoka, who arrived in Rome yesterday by special train, was met at the station by Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister, other members of the Italian Government, the Secretary of the Fascist Party and the German Ambassador. — Reuter.

IDENTITY TAGS FOR U.S. ARMY

Four and a half million tags are being printed for the American Army to identify men killed or wounded in battle.

The tags are of cloth, to be pinned on the breasts of the dead or wounded. In spaces on the tag would be written the victim's name, death, cause or nature of wounds.

The order for the tags has caused a sensation. Army officials say it is simply in line with the American policy of being prepared for anything.

CODE BOOK FINE

LAU LIN-HUNG, 26, CASHIER, WAS FINED \$250 FOR A BREACH OF THE DEFENCE REGULATIONS, BY HAVING IN HIS POSSESSION A PRIVATE CODE OR CYPHER, AT NO. 33, BONHAM STRAND WEST.

Detective Sub-Inspector C. Goodwin told the Court that the code was found when he raided defendant's premises. The Police were satisfied that the code was used only for business purposes.

Accused told the Court that the code was sent to him by a customer in Kwangsi some weeks ago, and that it was only used for business transactions.

BRITAIN'S ENORMOUS WAR EXPENDITURE

THE "ASTRONOMICAL" cost of the war to the British taxpayer is revealed in revenue returns issued last night showing Britain spent a record amount of £3,967,245,670 in the financial year which ended last night.

Total ordinary revenue from all sources was £1,408,867,097, leaving a deficit of £2,458,378,573.

Problem for the Chancellor of the Exchequer in his forthcoming Budget will be whether he will try, by imposing new taxation, to narrow the enormous gap between expenditure and revenue which otherwise had to be bridged by borrowing.

The supply services, including the fighting forces, accounted for £3,637,113,000 of the expenditure as against £1,078,287,000 last year.

Cheering feature of the returns is a net increase of £258,578,404 in total ordinary revenue over last year's yield.

Revenue Return

Revenue exceeded the Chancellor's estimate by over £248,000.

000, largely owing to the success of new taxes, including the Purchase Tax, which he introduced in his July Budget.

Most revenue items show substantial increases, including customs and excise (presumably including the Purchase Tax), which together are over £129,000,000 above last year's figures.

Ten Millions A Day

Total expenditure in the year, it may be noted, averaged £10,500,000 a day but expenditure in the past three months averaged nearly £13,000,000 a day.

Excess of expenditure over revenue is covered by borrowing.

The Floating Debt, increased by £1,325,000,000 during the year and now amounts to £2,818,410,000, compared with £1,489,200,000 a year ago.—Reuter.

Germans Playing Up Incident Off Algeria

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

THE GERMANS ARE PLAYING UP THE INCIDENT OFF THE ALGERIAN COAST WHEN FOUR FRENCH MERCHANTMEN FORCED THE BRITISH CONTRABAND CONTROL.

The British have excellent reasons for believing the ships were laden with contraband, chiefly a big consignment of rubber.

The incident is unfortunate, as the Vichy Government are acting under the inspiration, if not pressure, of the Germans.

The rights of the British to enforce the blockade are indisputable in international law, and it was only by the exercise of great self-restraint that the British did not employ the power which was in their hands of using coercion against the blockade runners, but higher considerations of humanity prevailed despite the added provocation of shell fire from shore batteries and attacks from the air.

Britain has obviously no wish to quarrel with Vichy or interfere with legitimate traffic between non-occupied France and her colonies, but it is clear that Germany cannot be allowed to take advantage of British generosity and forbearance.

Clear Language

It is therefore to be expected that Britain's attitude in this and cognate questions will be repeated to Vichy in unmistakable language to remove the chances of repetition of such incidents.

The British Government has known for some time that French vessels have been carrying goods destined for Germany.

Most revealing was the programme for French railway transport drawn up by the Germans recently, covering January 15 to March 1, which fell into British hands.

According to this programme some 30,000 tons of bauxite, 10,000 tons of aluminium and thousands of tons of rubber were to be transferred from unoccupied France to Germany.

Nitrates For Huns

Absolute priority over other shipments was provided in the programme for some 200,000 tons of nitrate which had arrived in unoccupied France from Chile.

The Free French newspaper published in London writes: "Frenchmen will realise, despite the efforts of the Vichy radio, that Admiral Darlan is playing the Germans' game. He is pushing collaboration with the Reich to as extreme limits as Laval would have done."

If Darlan is tied to Berlin, the French nation repudiates this outrageous attitude and remains faithful to the alliance with Britain, who is fighting for victory over the common enemy.—Reuter.

Vichy Denial

A communique denying that any materials other than foodstuffs were on board the convoy off Algiers, says the cargoes consisted of 15,000 tons of rice and sugar, being sent from Madagascar and Indo-China for Algeria and Marseilles for next month's rations, 1,500 tons of vegetables and seeds from Morocco for the non-occupied zone, and 7,000 tons of barley from Morocco intended for the native population of Algeria.—Reuter.

GIRLS "ESCAPE"

Six Chinese girls, between the ages of 13 and 21 years, are reported as missing from the Ma-taichung Refugee Camp since Sunday.

ME109 COULDN'T TAKE IT

A Spitfire pilot of the Fighter Command brought about the destruction of an enemy fighter yesterday morning without firing a single shot.

The British pilot was flying alone nearly four miles high above the Channel when he was suddenly attacked by four ME 109's which dived on him simultaneously from all directions.

The Spitfire pilot evaded the first concerted attack, then put his nose down and went into a dive of such velocity that the transparent cover of the cockpit was torn away and the goggles whipped off his face.

Four thousand feet above the water he eased out of the dive and saw an ME 109, which had been following him down, hurtle past out of control and plunge straight on to hit the sea with a terrific splash.

The Spitfire pilot completed his mission and returned safely to base with his ammunition still intact.—British Wireless.

MARINE COURT CASES

SEVERAL CASES WERE TRIED BY COMMANDER T.C. STIFF AT THE MARINE COURT THIS MORNING.

Tang Foon, a married woman, was charged with unlawfully boarding a ship in harbour for the purpose of soliciting. She was fined \$50 or two months' imprisonment. She had one previous conviction.

Wang Kat Chiu was fined \$7 for boarding a vessel without permission.

Wang Ming was charged with boarding a ship for the purpose of stowing away to Shanghai. He was fined \$14 or fourteen days.

Six junk masters were fined \$30 or thirty days each for entering with their junks over a prohibited area, the North Lantau Channel Minefield, while another, similarly charged and with a previous conviction, was fined \$37 or 37 days.

"BREATHES THERE A MAN"

"My husband is not so common as to drink beer; he drinks spirits. He says the aroma gives him the complex of a gentleman."—A wife in a case at Tottenham Police

R.A.F. MAN WAS BOMBED BY HIS COMRADES

An R.A.F. leading aircraftman who lost his way and was captured by the Italians while examining advanced listening posts was freed when Tobruk fell.

On the night of his capture an R.A.F. bomber carried out a raid on Tobruk. The airman and his guard were huddled in a deep dug-out.

The airman's description of the raid was: "All round me were deafened men. The explosions were terrific. I counted twenty-two of us with bleeding noses from concussion."

HEAVY R.A.F. RAID IN THE DODECANESE

AN R.A.F. MIDDLE EAST COMMUNIQUE STATES: "IN ABYSSINIA ON SUNDAY, IN SUPPORT OF ARMY OPERATIONS, R.A.F. BOMBER AIRCRAFT BOMBED AND MACHINE-GUNNED LARGE CONCENTRATIONS OF ENEMY MOTOR TRANSPORT IN THE DESIE AND ALOMATA AREAS. MANY VEHICLES WERE SET ON FIRE BY THE ATTACK."

Enemy aircraft attempted to raid the aerodrome at Jijiga. Two CR42's were shot down.

Albania—R.A.F. bombers made a successful attack on military objectives at Elbasan. Direct hits were observed on buildings in the town and fires started. Enemy fighters attempted to intercept but broke off the engagement when damaged.

Dodecanese Islands—the harbour at Astropalia was also raided by a formation of bombers and bombs dropped among shipping.

Tripolitania—during the night of March 29/30 another heavy raid was made on the harbour at Tripoli. Bombs were dropped on docks, the main quay and petrol installations.

Malta—during the night of 29/30 and again on Sunday enemy aircraft attempted to raid the island of Malta. There were no casualties.

From all the above operations all our aircraft returned safely.—British Wireless.

TROOPS, OFF DUTY, TO FIGHT FIRE-BOMBS

TROOPS IN THE CHATHAM AREA HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED THAT WHEN OFF DUTY THEY MUST BE READY TO HELP CIVILIAN AUTHORITIES IN FIGHTING FIRE-BOMBS.

"When incendiary bombs fall," says an Area order, "all troops in cinemas and other places of entertainment in towns will fall in outside the building. The senior N.C.O. will take command and, if the bombs are falling near, will immediately organise parties to extinguish them."

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 1st April to 15th April, 1941 both days inclusive.

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General Managers.
24th March, 1941.

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DRAFT PROGRAMMES and ENTRY FORMS for the THIRD EXTRA RACE MEETING to be held, weather permitting, on SATURDAY, 12th and MONDAY, 14th April, 1941, may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building, the Club House, Happy Valley, the Hong Kong Club, the Sports Club, and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on THURSDAY, 3rd April, 1941.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 31st March, 1941.

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Notice is hereby given that the Company's standard charges will be increased as from 17th March, 1941, by adding a 10 per cent. surcharge to the amounts charged for electricity consumed for lighting and power as per meters read on and after 24th April, 1941.

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By Order of the Board of Directors,

D. W. MUNTON,

Manager.

Hong Kong, 8th March, 1941.

WHAT EXPECTANT & NURSING MOTHERS SHOULD EAT

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BRIDGE NOTES

Fine Defence

By The Four Aces

When defending against a first-class player, you must give him credit for being able to make the right play, and must therefore plan your defence with that in mind. For example:

North, Dealer
Both sides vulnerable

♠ K J
♥ K 5 2
♦ A K 10 7 2
♣ 10 7 2

♠ 7 6 5 3
♥ Q J 9 8 3
♦ 8 4
♣ Q 6

West
♠ A 2
♥ A 7 6 4
♦ 9 6 2
♣ 9 8 4 3

Q 10 9 8 4
10
Q J 5
A K J 5

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♠	Pass	1♣	Pass
1NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♣	Pass	4♣	Pass

West opened the Queen of hearts, dummy played the King, and East won with the heart Ace.

South ruffed the second round of hearts and led a low trump, playing dummy's King. It was at this point that East had to give South credit for knowing what was what.

If East took the first trump trick and returned a third round of hearts, South would undoubtedly discard a club or a diamond (whichever he could best spare) rather than ruff again. And then dummy would be void of hearts and would still have a trump to take care of a fourth heart lead. So East would be unable to make South ruff another heart, and South would therefore make his contract.

Having made this analysis, East refused to win the first round of trumps. The Jack of spades was then led from the dummy, and this time East could gladly take the trick. For when he led a third round of heart, it did South no good to discard a club instead of ruffing. There were no trumps in the dummy, so if South failed to ruff the third round of hearts, the defenders could lead hearts until he did ruff. The second ruff reduced South to the point where he had fewer trumps than West, and resulted in a two-trick set.

Yesterday you were Merwin Maier's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ K J 9 7 3
♥ Q 10 4 2
♦ 5
♣ A J 3

The bidding:

Major	Jacoby	You	Schenken
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	(7)	

ANSWER: Bid four hearts. With your fine hand you want to make sure of getting to a game contract. This bid gets you there and shows your fine heart support without entirely preventing your partner from taking you back to spades.

Score 100% for four hearts, 70% for four spades, 60% for three hearts, 50% for three spades.

Question No. 679

To-day you are Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ 7 5 3
♥ K 4 2
♦ K 8 6
♣ A 10 5 3

The bidding:

Schenken	Jacoby	You	Major
1♥	1♠	(7)	

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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GIRL IS MURDER PLOTTER

A princess with a University degree is one of the ten members of the "Committee of Death," ring-leaders of the terrorist movement in Rumania.

Antonescu, Rumanian dictator, is trying to stamp out the movement, which has put exiled Carol's banker, ex-Premier Tatarascu, and several writers on its death list.

Its latest attempt to wipe out the whole of its list was foiled only at the last moment.

Antonescu rushed an infantry regiment to the spot.

The terrorists, whose chiefs meet every week, base their minor savageries on the work of the Gestapo.

After arresting sixteen of them the police searched one of their hide-outs and found typed letters ready for signature by Jewish prisoners.

Shaved Girls' Heads

The letters testified that the writers had been well-treated, but had had to commit suicide because they had been involved with a woman.

Gangsters raided a dance hall in the Lipsican district, of Bucharest, maltreated Jewesses and shaved half their heads.

Determined to get weapons to complete their death plan in face of Antonescu's drastic measures, the terrorists tried to raid an automatic rifle factory at Tohani, near Brasov.

Again they were foiled only at the eleventh hour by Antonescu and the army.

Meanwhile, recent arrivals in Belgrade from Rumania stress that under the superficial calm the country is still in a state of mud-died misery and anger.

Typhus, brought from Poland, is the latest tragic accident to befall Rumania, where food shortage has already caused minor riots in Bucharest market.

NOVELIST'S \$8,000,000 SALE

John Oxenham, novelist, has died at his home at High Salvington, near Worthing, Sussex, aged over eighty.

His real name was W. A. Dunckerley. He became a popular writer during the last war. His "Hymn for the Men at the Front" sold 8,000,000 copies.

REPUDIATED BY UNION

The general council of the National Union of Clerks and Administrative Workers has passed a resolution repudiating any responsibility for statements made by delegates from certain branches of the Union attending the recent People's Convention in London.

A PRETTY CHINESE WEDDING

Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith officiated at the marriage of Miss Katherine Kam-Sheung Lee to Mr. Benjamin Kwai-Lau Lui at the Registry of the Supreme Court yesterday.

The reception, which was attended by a large number of friends and relatives, was held afterwards at the Gloucester Hotel. A Guard of Honour was provided by the 7th Hong Kong (King's College) Troop of which the bridegroom is an instructor.

The bride, a daughter of the late Mr. Lee Cheung Hing and Mrs. Lee, was given away by her uncle Mr. Lee Tse Ming. She wore a gown of white French lace, cut on princess lines, and a tara of orange blossom to hold in place her long tulle veil. She had a bouquet of Easter Lilies.

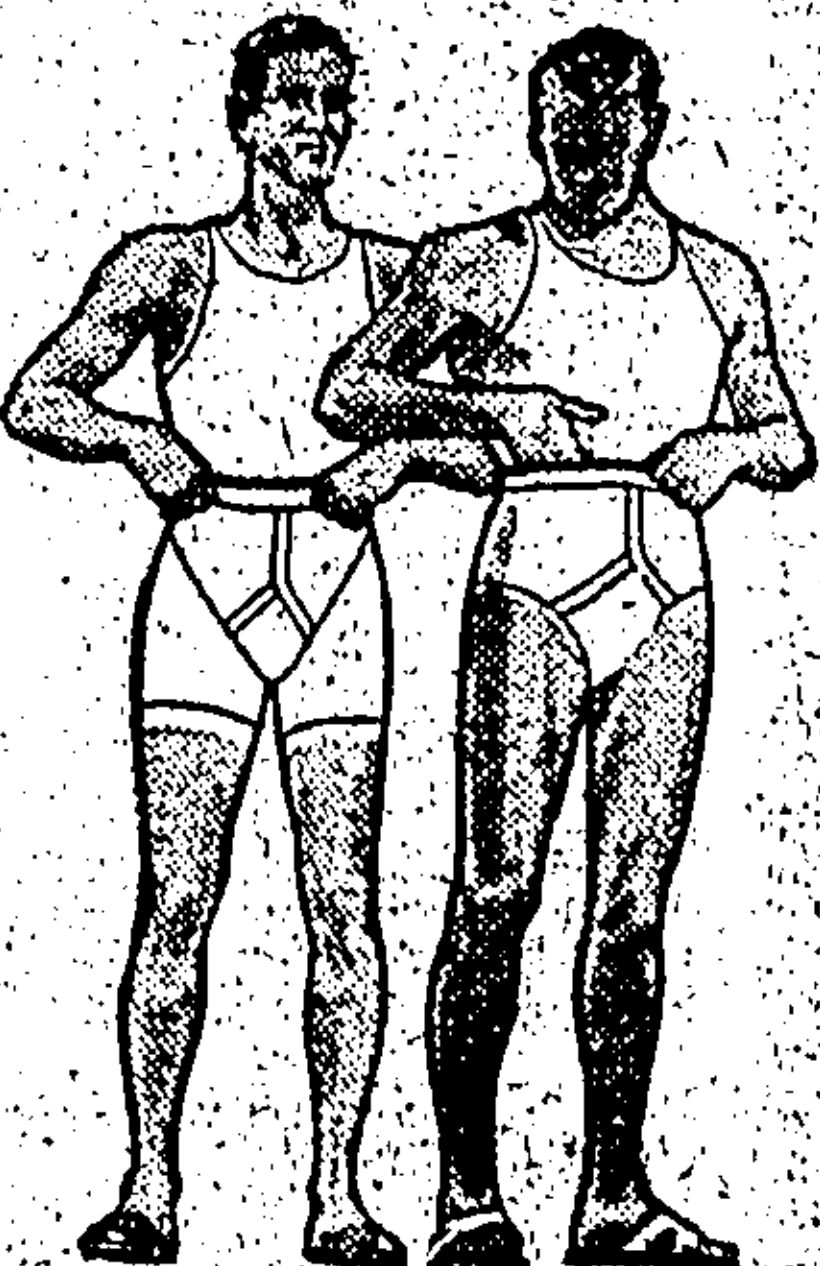
The bridesmaids, Miss Dorrie Lee and Miss Nancy Lui, wore sky blue and mauve tulle dresses with full skirt, high waist, velvet ribbon trimmings and Juliet caps to match. Their bouquets were of mixed spring flowers.

The bridegroom, who was supported by his brother, Mr. Herbert Lui, and the bride's brother, Mr. Buddy Lee, is the son of Mr. Lui Wai Chau of Messrs. Lo & Lo, and Mrs. Lui, and had only recently returned from Europe where he obtained Diplomas of Physical Education from Loughborough College, England, and the Swedish National College of P. E. under Major Thulin, the world-famous authority on Physical Education, and has since been appointed instructor of P. T. in King's College and the Evening Institute. He is also a keen badminton player, being a member of the King's College team, the contenders for the Junior Shield.

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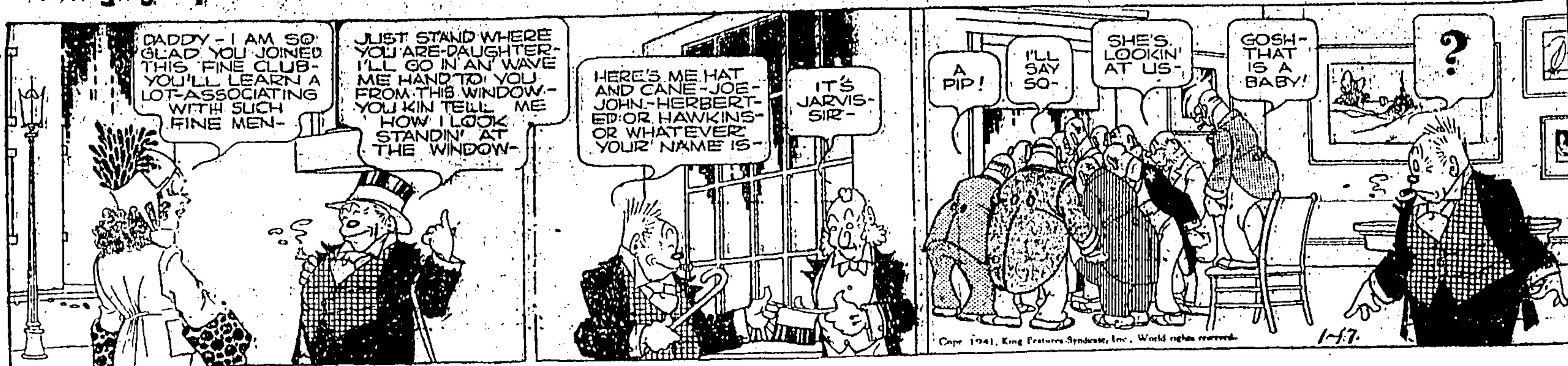
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Bringing Up Father

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A PAGE FOR WOMEN

There are many ways to
Serve More Milk To
Your Child

by Dorothy Greig

If there's one thing doctors and food experts advocate it is the wisdom of at least one quart of milk a day for every child.

Sometimes, it must seem to harassed mothers that children are equally united in rejecting the dictum.

The trouble comes when we expect a child to drink a full quart. After all, a quart of milk takes up a lot of room and no wonder little Susie sometimes balks.

To be sure many children can and should drink more milk than they do. They can be coaxed into doing so by putting a little chocolate syrup in the milk, or a dash of nutmeg on top, or by mixing in a spoonful of molasses or honey. It's the old story of variety and it works with children as with grown-ups.

But there are other ways also to get more milk into a child's diet. Cream soups use generous quantities. Make pea, asparagus, celery or tomato into rich cream soups by simply adding milk. Milk may also be added to vegetable and chicken soup instead of the more usual water.

Children enjoy custards and milk puddings, too. They like cream sauces on vegetables, ice cream, cottage cheese spread on biscuits, lots of cream on cereals and over cooked fruits. The milk in these dishes all adds to the day's milk total. In cooking, many women prefer to use evaporated milk because it gives all the good milk solids without the bulk of fresh milk. Also, it is less expensive.

Here is a custard that may be used as the main dish for lunch or supper:

Baked Vegetable Puree Custard With Parsley Bacon Sauce

1 can condensed pea soup
3/4 cup irradiated evaporated milk
1/4 cup water
2 eggs

Combine the pea soup, milk and water and mix well. Then add the eggs, slightly beaten. Pour into buttered individual custard cups, place in a pan of hot water and bake in a moderately slow oven (335 F.) for 50-60 minutes or until firm.



Baked Vegetable Puree Custard with parsley bacon sauce is served accompanied by carrots.

Baking test for custard: Insert a silver knife in the centre of the custard and if the knife comes out clean the custard is cooked. Remove from oven and let stand in the hot water for 10 minutes before removing from the cups. Serves 6.

Parsley-Bacon Sauce
4 teaspoons butter
4 teaspoons flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
Pinch of pepper
1/2 cup irradiated evaporated milk
1/2 cup water
1 tablespoon crisp chopped bacon

Melt the butter in a saucepan, add flour and seasoning and cook until frothy. Then add milk and water and cook, stirring constantly, until thickened. Add chopped crisp bacon and parsley and heat well. Serve sauce over the custard.

And children will like these cream soups which can be made with either evaporated or fresh milk. If you use fresh milk add 1 1/3 cups for each can condensed soup.

Cream Of Vegetable Soup

1 can condensed vegetable soup
2/3 cup irradiated evaporated milk
(just as it comes from the can)
2/3 cup water
Add the milk and water to the soup, heat but do not boil. Serves 2-3.

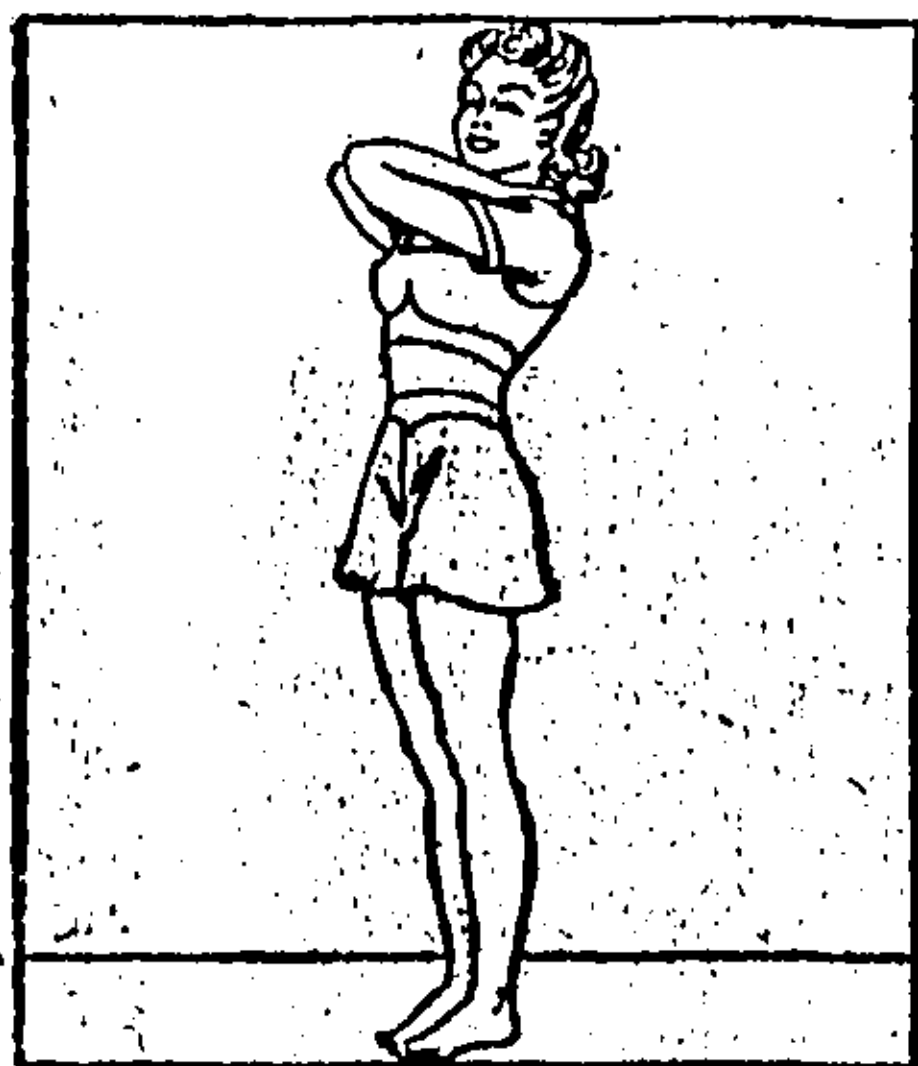
Cream Of Tomato Soup

1 can condensed tomato soup
2/3 cup irradiated evaporated milk
(just as it comes from the can)
2/3 cup water
Measure the water and the milk and mix. Combine milk and soup, then heat but do not boil. Serves 2-3.

Cream Of Pea Soup

1 can condensed pea soup
2/3 cup irradiated evaporated milk
(just as it comes from the can)
2/3 cup water
Empty the soup into a saucepan, add the milk and water and heat, but do not boil. Serves 2-3.

Let's Refashion Our Figures



Time to stretch away our winter lethargy, improve our posture and make our figures more lovely! Do you realize that Easter is near when every woman desires to have a refashioned figure with renewed beauty for her spring finery!

The chances are you've been slumping about lately. That means your shoulders have rounded somewhat, and perhaps definite signs of a dowager's hump may

be detected at the base of your neck. DO NOT LET EXTRA FLESH STAY THERE! Once your shoulders get so padded it is most difficult to recapture a youthful contour without resorting to professional massage.

Stand up this minute and master these two exercises, and whenever time permits go through them several times. You can do them at your place of business (if the boss doesn't spot you) or you may do them any hour at home.

Exercise 1: Stand in good posture, heels together, head high and back, well balanced. Clasp hands behind your neck and press elbows together in front. Now INHALE as you bring them back to horizontal position (you will feel a sharp stretching in back), and EXHALE as you bring them together again in front. Repeat from ten to twenty times.

Exercise 2: Stand with your feet six inches apart and clasp hands in back of you keeping arms straight. HOLDING UPPER SPINE ERECT push your shoulders back and down so the shoulder blades are pressed together. At THE SAME TIME bend your



head backward, until you are looking at the ceiling. INHALE DEEPLY AND SLOWLY AS YOU BEND YOUR HEAD BACKWARD, and EXHALE SLOWLY through your lips as you bring your head and shoulders back to normal position. Ten times in all. You should feel muscles stretch in abdomen area, shoulder area, neck and down spine. Keep rehearsing this one if you want improved posture.

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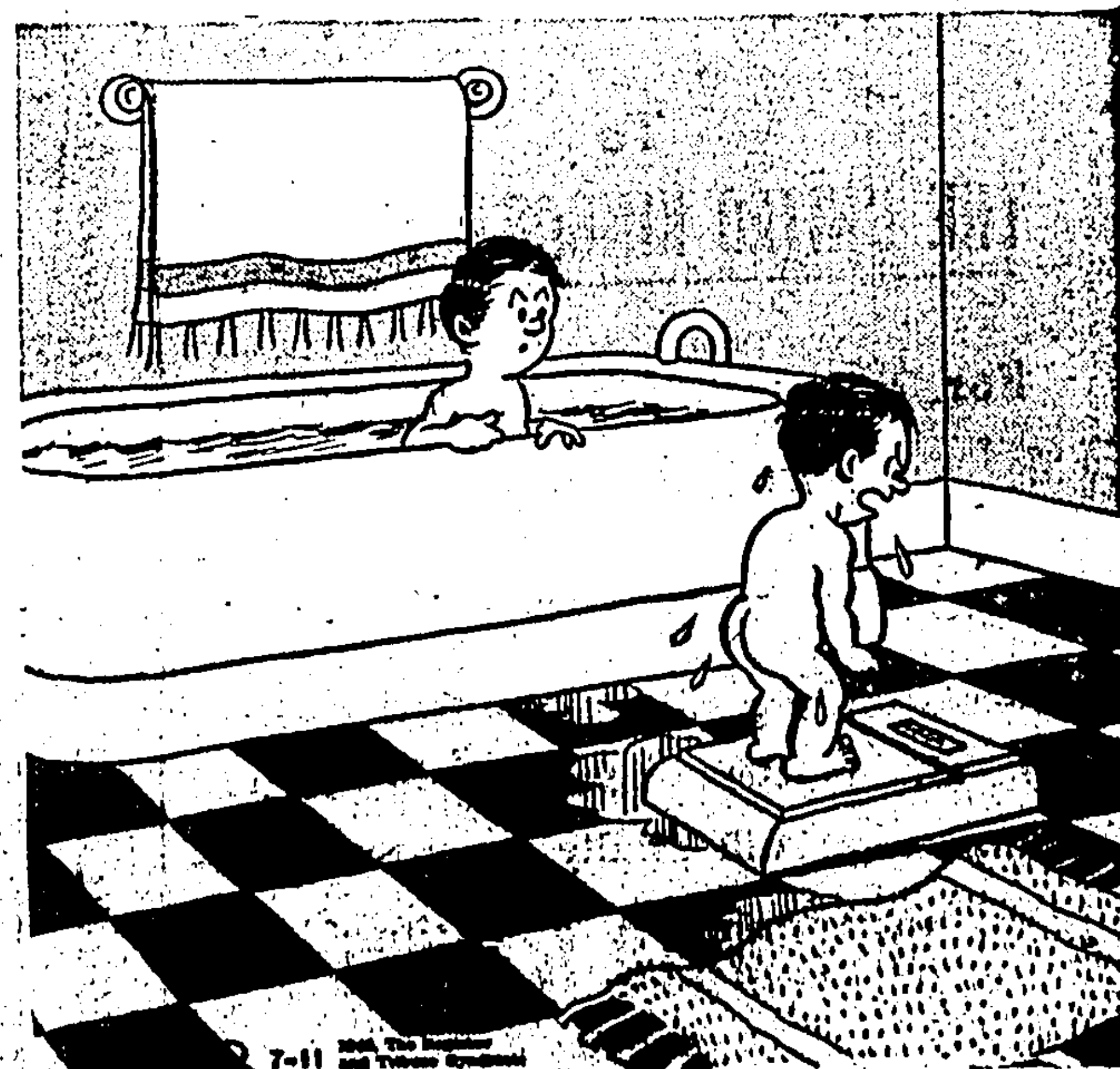
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Sandakan	Apr. 5.
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Swatow	Apr. 6.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 31st March	Apr. 7.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 21st March)	Apr. 11.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 5th April	Apr. 12.
Calcutta and Straits	Apr. 12.
Australia and Manila	Apr. 14.
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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2	
Straits, Ceylon, India and East Africa	3.30 p.m.

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FRIDAY, APRIL 4	
Manila, Batavia & Sourabaya 8.30 a.m.	
Reg.	4.00 p.m.
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Reg.	4.00 p.m.
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Straits, Rangoon & Calcutta	5.30 p.m.
Canton	7.00 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 5	
Manila, Madang, Salamaua, Rabaul, Australia and New Zealand via Sydney.	
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Reg.	4.00 p.m.
Ord.	4.30 p.m.
Straits, Rangoon & Calcutta	5.30 p.m.
Canton	7.00 p.m.

Superscribed Correspondence only.

THE CHINA MAIL, APRIL 1, 1941

U.S. INCREASING NAVAL EXPERTS IN FAR EAST

RELIABLE QUARTERS in Batavia said that the United States is quietly increasing its staff of naval experts in the Far East and the southern Pacific area although they persisted in their denials that any concrete defence agreement has been concluded between America, Britain, Australia and the Dutch East Indies.

The informants said two U. S. naval officials each have been assigned to Singapore, Darwin, Sydney, Auckland and other points. These are in addition to the U.S. naval officers assigned under routine orders to the legations in Australia and Thailand (Siam). The naval "observers" have been officially described as not members of the American and diplomatic consular offices in the Far East and south Pacific.

The arrival of American warships in Australian waters on what was announced as a "training" and "recreation" cruise was considered significant at this time.

Reports, unconfirmed by official quarters, reiterated that Singapore will be available to the United States fleet if Japan moves southward. At the present time, it is said, there is only a bare skeleton British naval squadron stationed at the great naval base on the tip of the Malaya peninsula although Australian air forces there have been steadily increasing in recent months.

There is a somewhat similar situation in the Dutch East Indies. The Dutch colonial navy lacks capital ships and depends mainly upon submarines and speedy torpedo boats.

In view of all these developments, official and otherwise, it is considered certain that the United States fleet will undertake "heavy work" if Japan moves the main body of her capital ships against either Singapore or the East Indies.

SIR PATRICK DUFF'S NEW POST

In connection with the appointment of Mr. Malcolm Macdonald as High Commissioner in Canada, it has been decided to establish temporarily at Ottawa the new post of Deputy High Commissioner Sir Patrick Duff, Secretary to the Ministry of Works and Buildings, being selected.

The Director of Imperial Chemical Industries has been selected to fill the new post of Financial Adviser to the High Commissioner.—British Wireless.

It's A Hap-Hap-Happy Day (both from "Gulliver's Travels")... Jay Wilbur & His Band. Fox-Trot—The Man Who Comes Around; Quickstep—Bring out the Little Brown Jug... Billy Cotton & His Band. Fox-Trot—The Woodpecker Song... Glenn Miller & His Orchestra. Fox-Trot—Irene; Waltz—Alice Blue Gown (both from film "Irene")... Wayne King & His Orchestra. 11.00 p.m.—Close down.

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"Please let me serve the sentence you imposed on my husband Your Worship. The whole family relies on him, and without him we will starve," pleaded a 20-year-old woman, when her husband, Ku Shi-yiu, shroff of the "Kwok Wah Yat Po" (Chinese newspaper), was sentenced to three months' hard labour by Mr. G. T. Lowry at the Central Magistracy this morning, for embezzlement of \$810.21.

According to Detective Sergeant W. Summers, accused was employed at a salary of \$18 per month. He used most of the embezzled money in medical expenses during his recent illness.

Mr. Lowry promised accused's wife that he would help her if she becomes really in need of financial assistance.

IMMIGRATION INQUIRY CONCLUDED TO-DAY

(Continued from Page 6)

"And you still say that your article was insufficient to inflame the people?"—"Yes."

"You discovered your name was on the black list and could not guarantee permits?"—"Yes, after some time."

"When you discovered this, what action did you take?"—"I did nothing."

"You did not appeal to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs?"—"No."

"Nor to your solicitors?"—"No."

"Nor to the Chinese members?"—"No."

"Did you not write to my office asking for your name to be removed from the black list?"—"I wrote on January 16, but did not receive a reply for a week."

"Have you been to my office before?"—"Only once, to get a permit."

Negative Replies

"Had you any conversation with any members of my staff about the permit?"—"No."

"Did you talk to any member of my staff on the question of photography for the Immigration Office?"—"No."

"Did you ever suggest that you could be a good man for the work?"—"No."

"Did you ever attempt to offer a bribe to any of my staff?"—"No."

The chairman told witness that he need not answer the question unless he wished. He replied in the negative.

Mr. Forrest produced a statement and said, with reference to Mr. Pudney's statement at the last hearing, he, Mr. Forrest, had found that over a period in February and March, the average daily cash taking was over \$24,000, and on a day following a Sunday or holiday, the amount was considerably greater.

The concluded the public enquiry, which was adjourned sine die.

YUGOSLAVIA'S WHIPHAND IN BALKANS

THE "HELSINGFORS Arbetarladet" commented yesterday, in delighted strain, that one can understand that Ribbentrop is not entirely pleased with his new brother, Yugoslavia.

He wanted to show his Japanese colleague that the newly organised Europe was all complete, with Yugoslavia as a fresh extra cake on the tray.

Suddenly it appears that the pastry was explosive and the delicate cake goes up in smoke with a slight pop.

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BOY'S £9 WEEK-END

A week-end in the life of a boy of fourteen who was at Lambeth Juvenile Court accused of stealing £9 19s 4d. from his employer, as told by a police officer:

"The boy stole the money on a Friday. He spent 30s. on his cycle. He then started going from cinema to cinema and eating ice creams. By Sunday he had spent every penny."

The boy was remanded for a week.

It is not at all pleasant to be compelled to invite people to this kind of delicacy.

The military critic of the "Sonnen" says this is Germany's first diplomatic loss, if one excludes the French and British declarations of war.

If the war extends to the Balkans, Germany will lose one of its best suppliers of food, and another important oil route from Russia will be cut off.

Germany also will not receive copper, bauxite, antimony rock, oil, salt, coal, lignite, iron ore, manganese, gold, lead, mercury and asphalt.

Almost all these products are vital for her war industry and supplies thereof have been extremely important for Germany.

British Bases

British bombers would secure excellent bases in Yugoslavia for attacking the Rumanian oil districts and the Bohemian and Moravian armament factories.

There Germany has no effective anti-aircraft defences such as she has westwards and along the shores of the North Sea.

The critic expects the front will be formed in the mountains where conditions are favourable for the Yugoslavs: the Greek position will be improved and the Italians will be compelled to withdraw hurriedly from Albania.

The Stockholm "Dagens Nyheter" says it will be understandable if Germany reproaches those who have organised an inappropriate accompaniment to Mr. Ma's visit to Berlin, which was intended to be so festive.

Strategy Of Terror

The New York "Mirror" says Yugoslavia has dealt the first solid blow Hitler's prestige has received since he militarised the Rhineland in 1936, with the exception of the failure to attempt an invasion of England.

That is important because Hitler has won many a battle through prestige, fear and a strategy of terror.

For the first time an objective which Hitler openly set himself and which he believed to have been achieved, has been denied him.

Instead of the spectacle of one more country accepting the Nazi yoke, the Japanese Foreign Minister has seen a small and comparatively weak country flout the German might.

Act Of Defiance

The New York "Sun" says that nobody who remembers the fighting spirit of the Serbs in the last war will be astonished that they have refused to honour the shameful surrender of their Government at Vienna.

Small peoples everywhere will take new courage and the Nazis will feel the power of this act of defiance not only to Yugoslavia but in all oppressed territories from the Mediterranean to the Arctic.—Reuter.

CHEERFUL TENDENCY ON STOCK MARKET

There was a cheerful tendency on the London Stock Exchange yesterday on the naval success in the Mediterranean, but price movements were small though the markets generally were firm. There was fair support of all-edges which closed slightly higher though a little below the best on profit-taking. Demand for industrial broadened while home rails and Kafirs met with some demand. Greek and Japanese bonds were higher among foreign issues. Wall Street was quietly firm.—Reuter.

BLACKOUT LIGHTING SUMMONS

CAPTAIN H. A. SWEET, RESIDING AT CAMILLE APARTMENT, BELFRAN ROAD, WAS SUMMONED BEFORE MR. H. C. MACNAMARA AT KOWLOON THIS MORNING FOR FAILING TO SCREEN THE HEAD LIGHTS OF HIS CAR, NO. 748, PROPERLY WHILST DRIVING IN NATHAN ROAD AT 12.40 A.M. ON FEBRUARY 27—THE LAST BLACK-OUT—AND FOR FAILING TO PRODUCE HIS DRIVING LICENCE.

Traffic Inspector A. R. Brittain said that lights were reflected from the head lamp as the screen had a very thin line in the centre.

Capt. Sweet stated that he had been in England where the motorists were allowed to have a thin line in the centre of the screen so that the other motorists could notice the approach of his car.

With regard to the second summons, Capt. Sweet said that he had the driving licence locked in the car at that time and he would have produced it if he had been asked for it.

Both summonses were dismissed with a caution.

Mr. B. Basto, of Basto and Company, Ice House Street, was fined \$5 for using uncovered head lights whilst driving his car, No. 3718, along Nathan Road during last black-out—at 7.50 p.m. on February 26.

Accused did not cover the head light, which he occasionally switch on to see the road.

Blue Cloth Screen

SUMMONED BEFORE MR. D. J. N. ANDERSON AT KOWLOON THIS MORNING FOR FAILING TO PREVENT A DIRECT LIGHT BEING SHOWN FROM THE WINDOWS OF HIS RESIDENCE AT NO. 4B, HART AVENUE, AT 7.30 P.M. DURING LAST BLACKOUT, MR. S. KEMP WAS FINED \$3.

Mr. Kemp stated that he put all the lights out as soon as he was informed by the police officer.

Stating that even a dim light could be seen in a very dark place, Mr. H. Silva, of No. 6, Salisbury Road, was discharged when summoned for a similar offence.

The lights had been screened with blue cloth but could be seen dimly outside his house.

About 40 other residents, chiefly Chinese, who were summoned, were fined.

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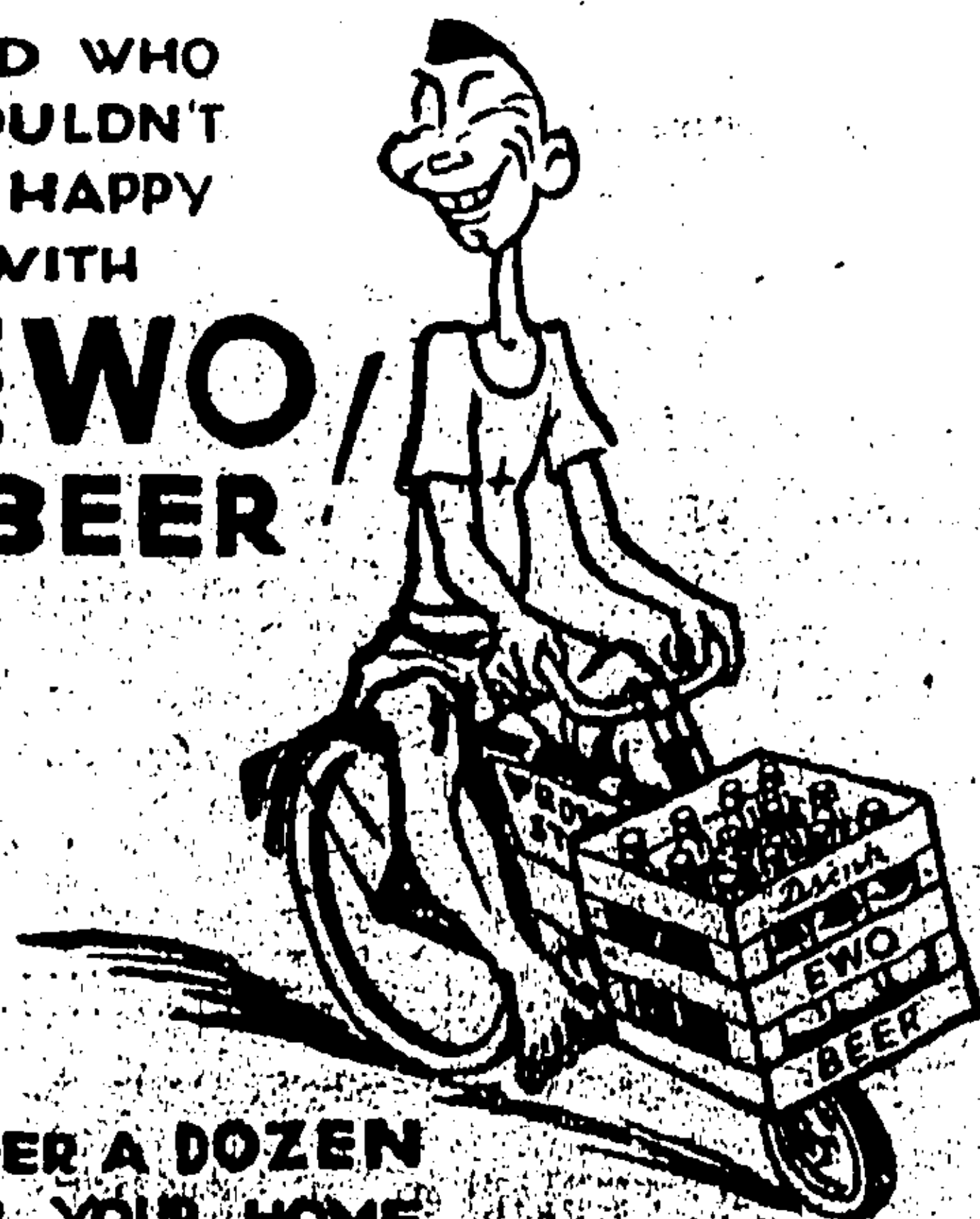
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ARMY SPORTLIGHT

ARMY TEAM CHANGED FOR KOTEWALL CUP GAME

Saw, Auld And Marable Newcomers In Attack

By "Squaddy"

ARMY WILL MEET SOUTH CHINA IN THE LAST GAME OF THE KOTEWALL CUP SERIES ON SATURDAY AT CAUSEWAY BAY.

There has been three changes in the forward line from the team which drew with Navy.

Saw and Marable, of Middlesex, have been included in as the left wing combination instead of Weir and Duffield, as the latter is unfit to play. Auld, of Royal Scots, who was recently promoted to Royals' senior eleven has been given a chance at the centre position. He is the type of player needed for the Chinese and should do well in this position on Saturday. If Army win they will win the Kotewall Cup competition as South China have beaten the Navy, and the Army drew with the Navy.

Following is the Army team: Bankier, Naysmith and Fraser (Capt.); Birrell, Bright and Freshwater; Owens, Fox, Auld, Saw and Marable.

Reserves—Reynolds, Sheehan, Guy and Pelham.

In Second Division, Royal Engineers look like being the champions. They further strengthened their hold by defeating the K.C. Chee Football Club by 4 goals to 1. Royal Army Service Corps, who are hot on their heels are still three points behind and it looks very much as if they will be runners up as the third team are nine points behind.

Signals and Air Force are still battling for Third Division honours and both had narrow wins on Saturday and although there is only one point in it, so far, it looks very much like the last game counting.

Signals are one point in the lead but have played one more game and have only one match to play and the Air Force have two more matches.

Air Force have had the least goals scored against them in League football this season.

HOCKEY

THE Army six-a-side knockout competition will be held during the month, on the dates which will be notified later.

Large Units may enter up to three teams and this competition will be worth watching as there are some strong sides in this competition. The Middles have an exceptionally strong side, but the strongest can falter.

RUGBY

ROYAL Engineers still maintain an undefeated record in the Large Units' Rugby League. The Rugby committee are debating whether they should continue with the League as there are a lot of Military duties to compete with at the present moment. In any case, Royal Engineers are the winners of the League and this gives them two trophies for Rugby, as they have already won the Small Units competition.

The Large Units' Rugby League standings are as follows:

	P	W	L	D	Pts.
Royal Engineers	7	7	0	0	14
Royal Artillery	6	3	3	0	6
Middlesex Regt.	6	2	4	0	4
Royal Scots	4	1	2	1	3
Combined S. Units	5	0	4	1	1

Any Units wishing to play off their remaining matches may do so and are allowed to use Soekunpoo on Tuesday's for this purpose.

NEXT week the Inter-Unit Team Boxing competition takes place at Murray Barracks on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, if necessary.

Combined Small Units will not be entering a team as previously expected, as they can only raise 12 competitors.

Three teams will now compete, they are: Combined Royal Artillery, Royal Scots and Middlesex Regiment.

Royal Scots have been in strict training for this event and are expected to pull it off ones more. They have won this boxing trophy two out of the three years they have been here and the Mid-

dlesex once. Last year Royal Scots won it by one point and Middlesex are all out to regain it this year.

The Boxing tournament which the B.W.O.F. were trying to arrange for some time in May between Army and any opposition which could be found has had to be cancelled as no opponents have been found for the Army boxers.

ATHLETICS

TODAY, at Pokfulam 12th Coast Regt., R.A., are holding their regimental sports and selecting their team for the Command Athletic Meeting which takes place at the end of the month.

NEXT Wednesday Middlesex Regiment will meet the Hong Kong University in an Athletic meeting to be held at Shamshuipo and the following events will take place. At the request of the University there will be four competitors in a team.

- 440 Yards Relay.
- 480 Yards Hurdles.
- 880 Yards Relay.
- 1 Mile Relay.
- 1 Mile Medley Relay (one at 440 yards, one at 880 yards and two at 220 yards).
- Long Jump.
- Throwing the Javelin.
- Putting the Shot.

SEVEN-A-SIDE

RUGBY

THE Army Seven-a-Side Rugby Tournament will commence next Tuesday, April 8, and so far the following teams have entered. 8th Coast Regt., R.A. (two teams); 5th A.A. Regt., R.A. (three teams); Royal Engineers (two teams); Medical Corps; and Royal Signals.

Entries from Royal Scots and Middlesex have not yet been received but they are expected to enter two teams each.

YAUMATI SCHOOL SPORTS

The Yaumati Government School annual sports were held yesterday on the Central British School Ground.

The senior championship resulted in a tie between Chan Yiu-kai and Wong Wai-sun with 11 points, and Au Yeung-chuen, with 15, won the junior championship.

High Jump (Senior):—1, Ng Tisang; 2, Chan Yiu-kai; 3, Wong Wai-sun. Height 5 ft. Junior:—1, Poon Chee-wo; 2, Lam Kwok-wah; 3, Au Yeung-chuen. Height 4 ft. 5 ins.

100 Yards (Small Boys):—1, Yung Shau-loon; 2, Leung Ping-kwan; 3, Leung Kim-wal. Time: 13 7-10. Senior:—1, Wong Wai-sun; 2, Chan Yiu-kai; 3, Tsui Ying-kwan. Time: 11 2-5. Junior:—1, Au Yeung-chuen; 2, Lam Kwok-wah; 3, Chan Wai-tong. Time: 11 2-5.

Three-Legged Race (Small Boys):—1, Yung Shau-loon, Ng Chung-dow; 2, Lau Man-ching, Kung Kan-lol. Long Jump (Senior):—1, Chan Yiu-kai; 2, Leung Po-man; 3, Tsui Ying-kwan. Distance: 15 ft. 2 1-2 ins. Junior:—1, Au Yeung-chuen; 2, Lam Kwok-wah; 3, Poon Chee-wo. Distance: 15 ft. 11 ins.

Spoon and Egg Race (Small Boys):—1, Yung Shau-loon; 2, Ng Tisang; 3, Lau Man-ching. 440 Yards (Senior):—1, Wong Wai-sun; 2, Hing Chee-lep; 3, Tsui Ying-kwan. Time: 63 1-2. Junior:—1, Au Yeung-chuen; 2, Lam Kwok-wah; 3, Chan Wai-tong. Time: 65 1-5.

220 Yards (Small Boys):—1, Leung Ping-kwan; 2, Chau Kung-fok; 3, Leung Kung-kwan. Time: 32 3-5.

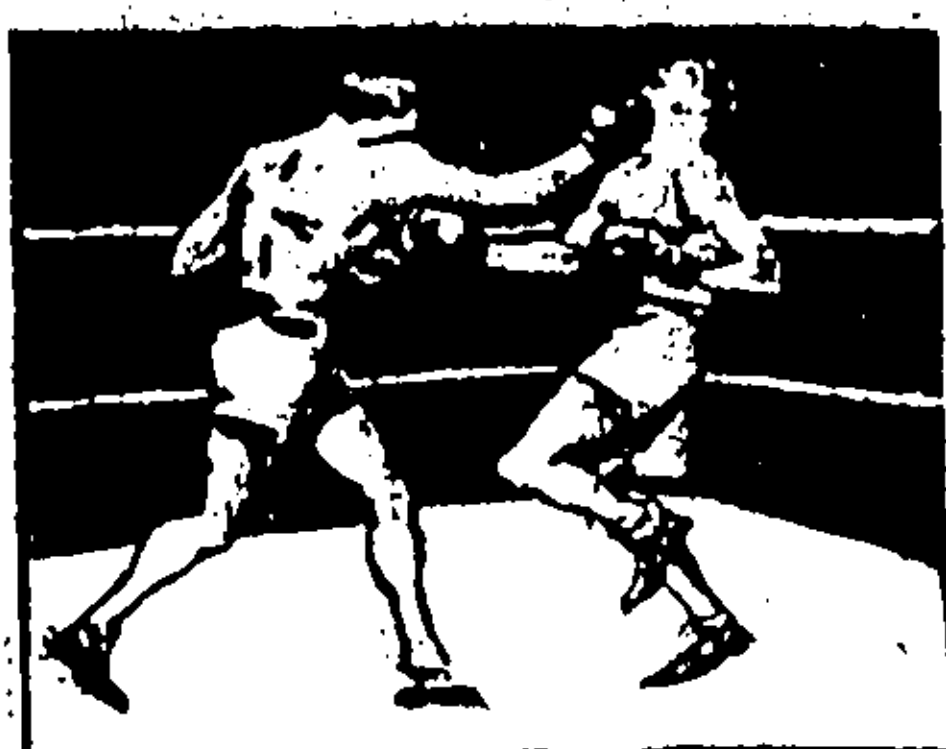
Half-Mile (Open Handicap):—1, Ng Tisang; 2, Hing Chee-lep; 3, Tsui Ying-kwan.

Fast People Race:—1, Lo Chupang; 2, Lau Bak-ngo.

Class Team Race (Classes 6 and 8):—Class 6A.

Class Team Race (Classes 7 and 9):—Class 7B.

Two-Player Race (Classes 6, 7, 8 and 9):—Class 6A.



LELLO, THE BOXER

Peter Paul Lello knocked out Low Jenkins in seven rounds in Chicago early in 1939, and hasn't lost a fight since, writes a correspondent from New York.

Yet most experts agreed that Pete Lello would fail in his bid to lift the world lightweight championship from the same Jenkins in a 16-round contest at Madison Square Garden, Nov. 22, 1940.

The reason for this is that Jenkins was batting around the country being well belted when last he bumped into Lello. The Sweetwater of Sweetwater was, as he say, trying to get the wrinkles out of his belly.

It was immediately after Lello ironed out Jenkins and his wrinkles that the Texan hit out for New York, where he obtained sufficient nourishment to launch and maintain a winning streak culminated by the three-round knockout of Lou Ambers that parked him in the throne room.

Jenkins And Lello

Have Facial Wounds

Jenkins looked like some of Joe Louis' opponents and a cheese champion when he folded up in front of Henry Armstrong in a handicap match in July, but regained much of the prestige he lost then when he climbed out of the resin to win a decision from Bobcat Bob Montgomery, a highly-regarded Negro, in Philadelphia.

Jenkins, thin, bushy-haired and scary-eyed, always has the chance of the puncher. He really can smack . . . is a deadly finisher.

He faces Lello this trip with the assurance of a champion.

Although it was called a draw, Lello got the referee's vote in a 10-round engagement with Sammy Angott, the N.B.A. titleholder, in New York, in February.

He beat Irving Eldridge in September to earn the shot at the crown.

Lello, 24 and of Polish-French descent, is a good boxer and a fair sort of a hitter, especially with his right hand.

Like Jenkins, one of his biggest handicaps is that he cuts easily. Both have old facial wounds.

Lello worked in Gary, Ind., steel mills, as did Tony Zale, the N.B.A. middleweight ruler. He also was employed for some time in the aircraft department of a South Bend concern.

Lello An All Round

Athlete In School

Lello was an all-round athlete while attending high school in Gary . . . an outfielder in baseball . . . a member of the cross-country team.

It was while in high school that he started to box, and his success as an amateur attracted the attention of Izzy Kline, trainer of Max Baer and Barney Ross. He turned professional on his 20th birthday . . . moved to Chicago to be under Kline's care.

Lello, quiet, modest and likable, says what he did to Jenkins once he can do again.

The fight mob disagrees. It figures that Lello is tackling a different Low Jenkins this time.

But no one blames Pete Lello for trying.

And he won't be ruled off for not making an honest effort.

BRILLIANT BADMINTON AT K.C.C.; M.P. YOONG JUST BEATS P.K. HOOI

By "Adrem"

THE SENIOR SINGLES badminton championship match between M. P. Yoong, Cambridge half-blue, and P. K. Hooi, former triple-Colony champion, who has not met with defeat in a championship match for at least three seasons, was well up to expectations, and the capacity crowd at Kowloon Cricket Club was treated to some exchanges of the highest standard.

Yoong won in three games, the scores being: 17-14, 5-15, and 17-15.

The Cambridge player was the first to settle down, finding his touch immediately and scoring freely with beautifully-timed strokes of every description. Hooi could not get going and was kept on the move like no player in Hong Kong has ever forced him before. Yoong ran into a long lead of 9-0 before Hooi scored his first ace but then the former champion, dour fighter that he is, settled down. His short game improved greatly and he turned the most powerful smashes of his opponent to his own advantage with neat touches at the net.

Yoong Overhauled

Yoong was covering court very well but Hooi outmatched him, to slowly make up the deficit and eventually take the lead at 13-12. The game was "set" at 14-all, and Yoong went out at 17-14.

Late in this game Yoong was showing signs of distress and it came as no surprise when Hooi won the next game easily, there being several interruptions through Yoong's indisposition.

The final game was a thrilling affair, both men being very well-matched in every phase, but Yoong, now apparently completely recovered, gradually assumed control to lead 14-11. Hooi still refused to give up and amid great excitement crept up slowly while Yoong was trying hard to secure that elusive match-point. When Hooi levelled at 14-all it appeared certain that he would win but with Yoong serving, he had bad luck with several of his shots, which either hit the netcord or landed on the wrong side of the lines, and Yoong won the necessary three aces with comparative ease to end a great match.

Results

The following were the results: MEN'S JUNIOR DOUBLES
T. S. Yoong and M. K. Fung beat Peter Lo and J. Tsang 18-17, 15-7.

JUNIOR SINGLES

J. L. Anderson beat E. Zimmermann 15-11, 15-7.
J. Odell beat H. S. Jones 15-5, 15-12.

SENIOR SINGLES

M. P. Yoong beat P. K. Hooi 17-14, 5-15, 17-15.
K. W. Choy beat W. Gillies 15-3, 15-1.

SUNDAY'S HOCKEY

Following is the Hockey Association tournament programme for Sunday:

- 10.30 A.M.
Police "A" v. Recreio Nomada v. 2/M.T.S.
C.B.A. v. Signale
Destroyers v. University
4.00 P.M.
5th A.A. "B" v. Royal Engineers



CRACK PONY DEAD

'Strathroy, the ex-champion Australian pony owned by Mr. J. F. Macgregor, had to be destroyed yesterday morning after it had collapsed in its box, in the Jockey Club Stables, Happy Valley, on Sunday night.

It was learned that the gallant pony collapsed through old age though it had been suffering from arthritis for some time.

A 1936 Subscription Griffin, Strathroy won a number of races for its proud owner before it was pensioned off towards the end of 1938 when it was found to be suffering from arthritis. It's big year was in 1937 when it won the following races:—

'Melbourne Cup (Mr. Black); 'Australian Ponies Champions, over 1 1/4 Miles in the record time of 2:10.3 with Mr. Black up;

Broken Hill Handicap (Mr. Black) over 1 mile 171 yards in the record time of 1:55.3;

The Coronation Handicap (Mr. Black), with Cup and dead-heat with Gypsy Love (Mr. Tao) in the Canberra Handicap, over 1 mile 151 yards, Mr. Black again being jockey.

Only Two Starts

The following year Strathroy only started twice but it won the Australian Ponies Champions (Mr. Black) again and set up a new record, 144.2, over the mile when it came in first in the Albury Handicap, Mr. Black again being the jockey. That was the last race in which this gallant pony faced the starter.

The following records still stand in Strathroy's name:—

Five Furlongs	1:02.2
1 1/4 Miles	2:10.3
1 1/2 Miles	3:11.3

Strathroy had won a total of \$12,350 in stakes money.

It is interesting to note that the record (155.3) set up for the race from the Two Mile Post, Once Round and In (About 1 Mile 111 yards), by Strathroy on March 20, 1937, remained unbroken until last Saturday when Mrs. Gravel's Beppe, ridden by Mr. W. S. Davis, smashed it by clocking 1:55.3 for the distance.

CONN FAVOURED TO DEFEAT JOE LOUIS

Former Welterweight Champion's Views

TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Following is to-day's Tennis Championship programme—

Open Singles

Tsuai Wai-pui v. K. H. Ip (8); S. A. Runjahn v. Li. Shields-Goodman (5).

Club Handicap Singles

F. W. Carter (—1/6) v. V. R. Gordon (—3/6) (2); T. J. Gould (—15/2) v. A. K. Mackenzie (plus 1/6) (3); G. W. Sewell (—4/6) v. H. C. D. Knight (—2/6) (6).

Club Handicap Doubles

R. E. Guest and B. C. Fay (—30) v. F. W. Carter and E. N. Thursby (—2/6) (4).

ANOTHER LONG STRUGGLE

The twice uncompleted game between M. Pagh and O. Umetani in the Open Singles Tennis Championship reached a decision yesterday when Pagh won by 4-6, 14-12 and 6-3.

Umetani won the first set comparatively easily and started off in the second set well, but Pagh, by steady play, drew level at 5 all and thenceforth it was a struggle for the set in which no less than 26 games were played.

Pagh had a good chance of winning the set early for at the 12th game he was leading 40-15 but allowed Umetani to win the game and draw level at 6-all. Each player won a game in turn and Umetani was leading at 12-11, but Pagh won the next three games in succession and the set.

In the last set Pagh ran into a 3-0 lead but Umetani drew level at three all. Pagh won the next three games and the set.

RESULTS

Following were the results of yesterday's tennis matches—

OPEN SINGLES

C. H. R. Oxlade beat T. A. Pearce 7-5, 6-3.

M. Pagh beat O. Umetani 4-6, 14-12, 6-3.

CLUB HANDICAP SINGLES

T. J. Gould beat A. K. Mackenzie 6-0, 8-6.

CLUB HANDICAP DOUBLES

G. W. Sewell and D. M. MacDougall beat V. R. Gordon and M. H. Turner 6-4, 6-3.

R. H. Blake and H. C. D. Knight walk-over from H. E. Waller and E. S. Hall.

R. E. Guest and B. C. Fay v. F. W. Carter and E. N. Thursby (unfinished, one set-all).

R.A.F.'S OWN BALL GAME

Scenes recalling the famous football match in "Tom Brown's Schooldays" have lately been observed at certain Air Force stations. One hundred or more players can take part in this game—pass-ball—which was invented by a Wing Commander.

Its parentage appears to be by rugged out of netball. Its various opposing teams depends on the advantages are that the size of the number of players available, that the size of the pitch varies accordingly, that the equipment cost is small, and that the game is fast and vigorous.

The game is played with a soccer ball; the goals are similar to those used in netball. But pass-ball differs from netball in that a goal must be scored in the course of play and not from a free shot, that a player may bounce the ball as he runs, and that the ball may be struck from an opponent's hand. The ball, which may not be held for more than two seconds, or carried for more than three paces, is passed rapidly from player to player—but it may not be punched or kicked, and tackling a player in football style is also barred.

When a really large number of players is able to turn out, and the pitch is big in proportion, the man who probably gets most exercise is the referee.

HAS MASTERED CHIEF LESSON

JIMMY McLARNIN likes Billy Conn to beat Joe Louis when they meet for the world's heavyweight championship in June, writes Henry McEldore from Hollywood, California.

The gimlet-eyed little Irishman who once held the welterweight title, and who fought 13 world's champions in his day, is going to bet a pretty fair chunk on Pittsburgh Billy when he goes against the supposedly invincible brown bomber.

You can't kiss off McLarnin's leaning toward Conn by saying that it's just another example of an Irishman going for an Irishman. Jimmy has his reasons, and coming from a man as good as he was inside those ropes, they carry a little weight. This country has produced few men who were better boxers than the kid from Vancouver, and pound for pound no man ever outthit him.

Learned Lesson

"The main reason I like Conn to lick Louis," McLarnin told me over a game of gin-rummy at the Lakeside Club recently, is that Billy has mastered lesson "A" in fighting, and that is to hit and not get hit.

You can't beat a guy without hitting him, and I don't think Louis can hit Conn. Conn is fast. Louis is slow. Louis is worse than that—he is awfully slow. All you have to do to know that is to look at his legs and thighs. They are big. That's good for a hitter. That's where Joe gets a lot of his power—those big legs driving in.

Jimmy, carried away by his subject, pushed back the cards, got up from the table, with Bob Hope, Randy Scott, Bob Armstrong, Alan Hale and a lot of others watching him, gave a demonstration of how Conn can lick Louis.

"Hit and move away—jab and move—keep moving—in and out," McLarnin said as he shifted and punched and dodged an imaginary foe.

"To hell with Conn being too light," Jimmy said. "Get him up to 180 or a little more, and that's big enough."

Will To Fight

Dempsey was a fair fighter and what did he weigh? don't forget this, either. Conn is mean. I've seen him fight, and you can't tell me he is just a pretty boy, a picture boxer. No, sir, he has that something a champion has to have, and that is willingness to do anything to win. You can't be a champion unless you have it. Deep inside him he is ready to do anything to get that decision.

McLarnin thinks Conn hits plenty hard enough to hurt Louis.

"I saw the pictures of his fight with Pastor, and Pastor was a bum. Yet Billy knocked him through the ropes and stopped him. Pastor is harder to hurt than Louis. You don't have to hit Joe very hard to make him stop thinking, and get him all mixed up. You can't show me a man in the world who weighs 175 or more and is in good physical condition who can't punch hard enough to hurt. Let a flyweight get set and he'll give you the staggers."

Psychological Edge

McLarnin gives Conn a big psychological edge, too.

"Conn is still moving up," McLarnin explained. "He wants that heavyweight title. He is spurred on by the fact that everyone thinks he is tackling the impossible. He has everything to win and nothing to lose. Louis must be close to fed up with the title. He has had it for a long time, he's rich, and I know enough about boxing to know he is tired of training."

The one thing McLarnin doesn't like about Conn is his way of taking two or three rounds to warm up. "He can't afford to make a slow start against Joe," Jimmy said. "He should be in the ring at the first bell and work three or four

rounds in his dressing room before going into the ring."

In picking Conn to lick Louis, McLarnin doesn't under-rate the champion's class.

"He is the fastest man with his fists I ever saw," Jimmy said, "and he hits just as hard as any man I ever saw fight. But he is slow, and there isn't any excuse for a fast man ever being hit by a slow one. Particularly when the fast man has brains to go along with his speed."

That's McLarnin's opinion. It isn't mine, which probably makes it right.

"BOUGHT" FRENCH HORSES NOT SUCH BARGAINS

MOST OF THE French bloodstock, including the whole of the Aga Khan's valuable stud, has passed into German hands, according to a report from the German frontier relayed to Hong Kong last week.

It was generally expected that when the Germans occupied parts of France they would commandeer the thoroughbreds, and now they are reported to have "bought" hundreds of them, the transaction being carried out by the German Breeders Union in conjunction with the German Army Command.

It is known that many famous brood mares, such as La Becassine, La Bourrasque and La Belle Dame were among those of the Aga Khan's horses that were concerned in the "deal."

Others Missing

The Aga Khan had four breeding studs in France, among the stallions being Ruston Pasha, Firdaussi, Badruddin and Sind, but it is not known what has happened to them. He also had a large number of brood mares at these studs, and each year their produce came up for sale at Deauville.

The "sale" recalls Lord Roseberry's recent speech to the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association, when he said that France, so far as they knew, had lost the whole of her thoroughbred stock.

But those people who had stolen the French horses would not find them such a bargain as they thought.

No one could enter an animal in the General Stud Book without the authority of the owner and approval of Messrs. Weatherby.

General Stud Book

The first volume of the General Stud Book was issued in 1791; its object being to maintain the purity of British thoroughbred stock.

Since May, 1913, no horse or mare has been considered eligible for admission unless it could be

Joe Peitz, director of sports publicity at Notre Dame, tells this one on Grey Rocco, the great distance runner who captained the Irish team in 1939. "Morning after the Illinois meet, Rocco went around and awakened all his teammates, horded them to mass. Only then did he find Father John A. O'Brien had chosen that particular morning to deliver a sermon on Rocco's virtues as an athlete, gentleman, scholar, and Christian."

WORLD RECORDS TOPPLE

World records toppled right and left at the 22nd annual Knights of Columbus Track Meet held at the Madison Square Garden, New York, recently.

Earl Meadows smashed the world's indoor pole vault record by crossing the bar at 14 ft 7 7/8 in.

Another world mark was shattered when Al Biazis heaved the 16-pound shot 56 ft. 2 7/8 in.

John Borian, running under the colours of the Asbury Park A.A., won the Casey 600yd. invitation run in the fast time of 1 min. 10.2 sec. to hang up another world record.—Domei.

The Monthly Meeting of the Hong Kong Football Referees' Association will be held at the Hotel Cecil to-night at 8 p.m.

The Speaker will be Mr. Wong Ka Tsun, Chairman of the Hong Kong Football Association.

GRAPHIC GOLF



The Putting Path

BY BEST BALL

Before a player makes his putt, he should endeavour to see clearly the line of path to the hole. On some occasions this will be more readily apparent than at others but the player should make a diligent effort to visualise the path on all occasions. Only by constant application to this detail can the golfer increase his sensitivity to this factor. The routine trains the eye, not only in putting accuracy but in short shots to the green as well.

Bobby Jones once said he never missed a putt in which this line was clearly defined in his mind beforehand. This is testimonial enough as to its value.

Next Article: — Uphill-Downhill.

JEAN BOROTRA VISITS COLLEGE FOR COACHES

M. Jean Borotra, Commissioner-General for Sports, recently inspected the College for Sports and Athletic Coaches at Antibes, slates a message from Nice.

In a short address, M. Borotra defined the aim of sports education in France, which is to develop character as well as bodies. —Havas.

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FRENCH SHIPS IN U.S. MAY ALSO BE SEIZED

SHANGHAI ELECTION RUMOUR

The action of the Shanghai Municipal Council in again postponing the elections is believed to be connected with the current negotiations concerning changes in number and representation on the Council.

This is the second postponement at the eleventh hour but, unlike the first postponement, no definite date has now been fixed for the elections.

It was merely announced that the election set for April 9 and 10 has been cancelled and that such an election has been postponed to a future date.

It was unconfirmably reported that the British, American and Japanese authorities are putting the final touches to an agreement by which the three nationalities will equally divide the nine seats on the Council, that is, three each.

It is also reported that such an agreement will hold good for two years. — *Reuter*.

WOMAN FINED

A fine of \$50 was imposed by Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon this morning on Chan Chun, 22, a married woman, for collecting for charity without the permission of the Commissioner of Police.

Accused, with another girl, went to a house in Aplu Street last Thursday, asking for donations.

The occupants asked them for the permit, which they could not produce. Accused was arrested, while her companion escaped.

America Likely To Put All Into Service

Within Terms Of Formula Of Aid To Britain

WELL-INFORMED CIRCLES IN WASHINGTON THINK THERE IS A STRONG POSSIBILITY THAT FOLLOWING THE SEIZURE OF ITALIAN, GERMAN AND DANISH SHIPS, THE UNITED STATES WILL TAKE THE SAME ACTION IN REGARD TO FRENCH SHIPS, OF WHICH THERE ARE NOW 15 IN AMERICAN PORTS.

Replying to questions, Treasury officials in Washington yesterday intimated action was possible later this week.

Officials are now studying the final disposal of the seized ships which at present remain in "protective custody," the title still remaining with the original owners.

According to Treasury officials it is very probable the ships will be placed in service in view of Britain's need of ships and the general shortage of shipping.

Meanwhile President Roosevelt has indicated that he personally ordered the seizure of Italian, German and Danish ships during the week-end.

This was revealed at a press conference on the train taking him back to Washington, but he declined to comment.

Attempted Sabotage

The seized ships totalled 296,715 tons, announced the Coast-guard Service in Washington yesterday.

Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State defended the Government's action at his press conference.

He said he would not talk at present about the final disposition of the ships.

Mr. Hull had not heard anyone question the absolute legality of the seizure, and emphasised that justification for it was based on the fact that attempted sabotage in the ships endangered American ports.

The Formula

Asked whether the seizure could be construed as a step towards war, Mr. Hull replied that the United States Government had for some time pursued a course of aid to Britain and other nations under a formula of all available aid short of war.

"That is the formula followed so far," he added.

Four Danish ships in the Philippines, aggregating 23,000 tons, were taken into "protective custody" by the U.S. Navy yesterday.

Admiral Thomas Hart, Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Asiatic Fleet, explained the action was taken in order to prevent sabotage by the crews. — *Reuter*.

First Step

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]
The seizure of 56 Italian, German and Danish ships in United States waters by coast guards represents the first step towards possible requisition of the ships by the American Government for use in the Pacific, according to a Washington message, while American ships may be transferred from the Pacific route to the Atlantic.

In the case of the 35 Danish ships seized it is stated that they may be purchased for fears that the Germans and Italians might sabotage them. — *International News Service*.

OVATION FOR MR. MATSUOKA

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]
Mr. Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, received an ovation by a large crowd of officials headed by Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister, when he arrived in Rome yesterday.

Mr. Matsuoka expressed regret that "shortness of time" precludes a visit to the United States.

"I believe that personal contact with leaders in all countries is the best means of avoiding unfortunate occurrences," Mr. Matsuoka told the press. — *International News Service*.

ELEVENTH QUIET NIGHT RUNNING

London had no air raid warning last night. This was the eleventh quiet night running, though over and around Britain last night there was again slight enemy activity, mainly off the north-east coast.

Raiders were reported over several other areas but up to a late hour no incidents were reported. — *Reuter*.

S. AFRICANS OCCUPY Diredawa

The advance towards Asmara, in Eritrea, continues, stated an official communique issued in Cairo yesterday.

The occupation of Diredawa, in Abyssinia, was carried out by South African troops, who are now advancing westwards.

The forward movement is developing in other sections.

The number of prisoners is steadily mounting while guns and war materials abandoned by the retreating enemy are being collected in large quantities. — *Reuter*.

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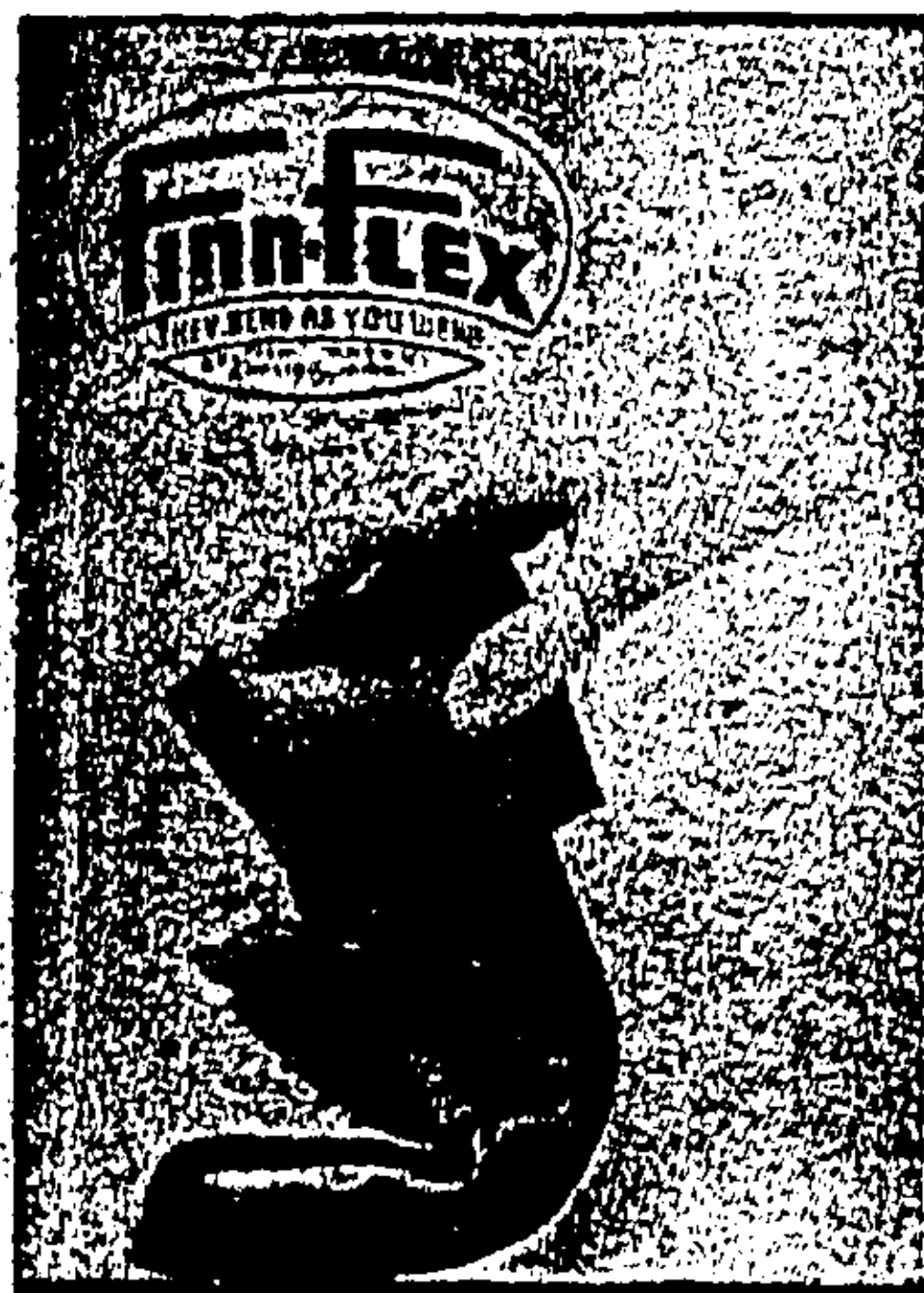
New health laws to be introduced at the ratepayers' meeting in Shanghai on April 17 provide for registration of all doctors and midwives, compulsory quarantine for victims of communicable diseases, compulsory vaccination, and prohibition of spitting in all public places. — *Reuter*.

Continued exodus of Chinese members of the Shanghai Municipal Council is causing anxiety in Chinese circles in Shanghai. Following the departure of Yu Ya-ching, Mr. William Gockson and Mr. Chen Ting-jui have left for Hong Kong. Only two of five Chinese councillors are still in Shanghai. — *Reuter*.

The British Government have agreed to help the Burmese Government to extend the Burma Railway to Lashio. — *Reuter*.

Cost of living in Shanghai rose in terms of the Chinese dollar from the index figure of 602.29 (compared with 1936-100) in February to 679.999 in March. These conditions responsible for unbroken succession of strikes: Walkouts cover the tailoring trade and the foreign telegraph companies, the messengers of which are striking for increased living allowances. — *Reuter*.

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